



Grade Level Introduction: Second Grade 2021-22

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Grade Level Description

Second grade is full of wonder and excitement as the students learn many new skills. Instructionally, we incorporate differentiation and problem-based learning, with a variety of hands on activities which meet or exceed state standards. To achieve this, we often use games, work stations, role play, and a variety of activities to keep the learning lively and engaging. This strengthens students' learning, enhances enjoyment, and provides opportunities for higher level learning. All of this is done from a Biblical worldview.

Bible is taught as an independent area of study, but we are constantly exploring how all of our topics reveal the character or nature of God in alignment with Biblical truth. Our aim is to help the children to think "biblically" *while* thinking "critically," rather than viewing the two as separate ways of thinking. This will allow them to be more independent by being wholly dependent upon God to help them grow in social, emotional, spiritual, and academic areas.

During our school-wide math block we are able to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all our learners through our guided math program. This

pedagogical approach gives us the opportunity to meet our students where they are at on their individualized mathematical journey and guide them to success.

We use the Six Traits of Writing model as a foundation for our writing instruction. There are numerous opportunities for students' writing to be celebrated. Students will be exposed to many different types of writing styles including expository, narrative, persuasive, descriptive, poetic, and friendly letters.

Units of study in social studies include the following: U.S. history, government, basic economics, electoral process, citizenship, and world cultures.

Units of study in science include the following: human body systems, plants, animal life cycles, states of matter, and weather.

Some of the highlights of second grade are:

Christmas Around the World
Who-Ville Day
Barter Day
Colonial Day
Human Body Studies
Technology- www.learning.com

Grade Level Resources

Bible: Purposeful Design
Reading/Language Arts/Writing: McGraw-Hill's Wonders
Math: Go Math! (3rd Grade)
Science: Harcourt Publishers
Social Studies: Harcourt Publishers

Special Events & Field Trips

Colonial Day
Barter Day
Christmas Around the World
Who-Ville Day
Dollar Tree (Operation Christmas Child)
Slim Goodbody
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
Science Fair
Fire Safety with Golder Ranch
Electrical Safety with TEP