

# Second Grade

In the Second Grade, academic emphasis is on reading and writing. Teachers keep in close contact with parents regarding student progress, either via Fast Direct, notes home, or behavior/homework logs. Lower-grade teachers send home a weekly newsletter to let parents know what topics will be taught in class, as well as any test dates, special events, important assignments due, etc.

## Curriculum

### Religion

Learning about Jesus is the most important work in our classroom. Through our Concordia Publishing House curriculum, students study units such as Faithful Lord, His Plan, People Led by the Lord, Jesus is Coming, God's Grace, Miracles of Jesus, Jesus saves, He is the Way, and Tell about Jesus.

### Language Arts

Second-graders use the Scott Foresman curriculum, teaching through stories, songs, fables, tall tales, fairy tales, poetry, etc. Students work on sight words, comprehension, structural and phonetic analysis, predictions, cause and effect, rhyme, vowel patterns, map skills, fact vs. fantasy, public speaking, communicating thoughts and feelings, themes, main idea, and plot. The **Accelerated Reader program** continues at this level with computer-generated reading levels and comprehension tests.

### Spelling

Our curriculum helps students work on words with different vowel sounds and patterns, diagraphs and clusters, consonant sounds, homophones, contractions, plurals, suffix, and compound words.

### Math

Math 2 is integrated with other levels for continuous progress,

covering a range of critical concepts such as working with larger numbers, geometric shapes, Venn diagrams, graphs, basic arithmetic calculations, and simple fractions.

### Science

Curriculum from SRA/McGraw Hill teaches science units such as Plants & Animals, Earth's Surface, Sun, Moon & Earth, Motion, Sound, Light and Heat, The Senses, Healthy Teeth, and Nutrition.

### History & Geography

We use the Core Knowledge curriculum to teach units such as Ancient India, Ancient China, Japan Today, Ancient Greece, Making of the Constitution, War of 1812, Americans Move West, Civil War, Immigration and Citizenship, Civil Rights Leaders, American Geography, and Map Skills.

### Fine Arts

Visual arts lessons come from the Core Knowledge curriculum, linking lessons to topics in other disciplines whenever appropriate. Second-graders study units such as Elements of Art, Sculpture, Landscapes, Abstract Art, and Architecture.

**Music:** Second graders are part of the K-2 grade choir, which sings at First Lutheran Church services, the

Christmas program, and the school musical.

### Physical Education

Physical education class will work on developing motor skills such as running, skipping, throwing and catching while using games to using games and activities to teach and extend these skills.

### Computers

The class will learn the basic skills of operating a computer such as turning the computer on and off, use of a mouse, getting on and off the internet, and beginning typing.

### Spanish

Students are taught more vocabulary and common Spanish expressions. They respond to simple commands and learn customs in Spanish-speaking countries, with a continued emphasis on listening and speaking skills.

### April 2011 Stanford Achievement Test Results

Area	Percentile	Nat'l
Reading	52.5	51.3
Mathematics	47.5	48.5
Language	62.6	56.6
Spelling	57.5	54.0
Environment	86.7	73.2
Listening	79.7	66.7
Complete	60.6	55.5
Battery		

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