

2nd, Phonics and Language

After reviewing vowel sounds, consonant sounds, and how to blend them together, students learn consonant blends, diphthongs, digraphs, and clue words to help them remember these sounds. Students apply what they have learned on a deeper level than first grade. Language concepts learned in first grade are expanded as students learn to apply the following concepts: recognizing and correctly punctuating four kinds of sentences; identifying and correctly using nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs; identifying subject and predicate of sentence; using and identifying compound words, rhyming words, antonyms, synonyms, contractions, and singular possessive words; forming plural nouns by applying spelling rules. By the end of the year, students will have a strong phonics and language foundation upon which to build.

2nd, Reading

Students will advance their reading and comprehension skills as they reinforce the application of phonics rules. The early readers correlate with the progression of the concepts and sounds presented in the phonics curriculum. Subsequent readers include children's classics, stories from America's past, selections by famous authors, and stories with heroes that the children can emulate. One reader is a juvenile novel, another presents life in Israel in the days of Christ, and others include fables, animal tales, stories from children's classics, biographical stories, poetry, Scripture readings, and patriotic stories.

2nd, Cursive and Creative Writing

Cursive Writing: Building upon each grade, the consistent step-by-step approach to good penmanship emphasizes neatness and correct letter formation in daily practice. Writing habits which are polished during second grade will greatly influence students' penmanship skills throughout life.

2nd, Spelling and Poetry

In second grade, spelling is taught as an individual subject for the first time. The spelling curriculum continues to be correlated with phonics. The spelling lists in Spelling and Poetry 2 reinforce the phonics concepts which the students are learning. By the end of the year, students will be learning vocabulary words and their definitions. Poems for memorization have been selected for their beauty of language, literary greatness, and character-building qualities

2nd, Arithmetic

The traditional work-text Arithmetic 2 builds a foundation for learning more abstract concepts and teaches students how to apply mathematical concepts to real-life situations. Concepts taught or reviewed in Arithmetic 2 include counting, place value, addition and subtraction, money, time, graphs, simple geometry, multiplication and division, and Roman numerals

2nd, History and Geography

Our America takes students back into history to learn what life would have been like in our country's early days. Students will study the lives of groups of people who have made valuable contributions to our American heritage: the Pilgrims, Native Americans, early colonists, pioneers, cowboys, and immigrants. In addition to maps and geographical facts, Our America also features information about our flag and the history behind our patriotic holidays and songs. Review questions and activities throughout the text help to check students' comprehension.

2nd, Science

Enjoying God's World guides the student's study of God's plan for creation. Students will increase both their reading comprehension and their knowledge of scientific concepts while learning about the human body, plants, animals and their habitats, matter and energy, and earth and space from God's viewpoint.

2nd, Health

The purpose of Health, Safety, and Manners is to teach the basic facts of health and safety; to teach courtesy at home, at school, and everywhere; and to instill within students a desire to take care of the body God has given them.

2nd, Bible

Second graders will enjoy learning about a variety of Bible characters including Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Jonah, and Moses. Students visualize events as they study the life of Moses and his journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Students will learn about Moses' decision to suffer with God's people rather than live in luxury; they will also learn that even though Moses chose to follow God, he still faced many trials. By studying Bible characters such as Moses, students will learn how to respond to real-life joys and struggles