

2ND GRADE CURRICULUM GUIDE



WE CHALLENGE & INSPIRE

Bible

Using Summit Ministries' Building on the Rock curriculum, students examine their Christian worldview by learning Biblical truths. The Bible survey component focuses on God's people in Egypt with Moses, wandering in the wilderness, building the Tabernacle, Joshua's command, and the Judges. Each week our K4-6th graders memorize Scripture or a Gospel Foundation (question/answer) and learn how to apply that truth to their lives. Since all students in the lower school have the same memory work, it allows our families to learn and grow together as they memorize.

Reading and Language Arts

Open Court curriculum is used for reading instruction. Students are taught a weekly story, phonics, and important foundational reading skills to become fluent readers. We differentiate by using small groups and literature circles.

Writing

Students will continue to improve in the three forms of writing including: narratives, opinions, and expository. Narrative writing will focus on personal and fictional structures. Opinion writing will be supported with at least one reason from a second source. Expository writing will include a main idea with supporting details. Students will be proficient in presenting information both written and orally including basic writing and grammar skills within a paragraph. All K4-4th grade students write and present their own book during our Young Author's Day.

Math

Big Ideas Curriculum emphasizes the application of mathematics to real-world situations through technology, manipulatives, and small groups coupled with whole group hands-on activities. Second grade utilizes hands-on manipulative learning, teacher-led lessons, independent work time, and math centers. Second grade is the bridge from working together with the teacher to growing in independent work time. Students are expected to be able to work independently and decode one-step word problems by the end of the year. In addition, students will have subtraction facts fluency to 12.

<i>Science</i>	Carolina Biological curriculum is used to allow 2nd graders to participate in meaningful hands-on investigations. We investigate and discuss God's divine purpose in the nature of science. Science exploration in 2nd grade focuses on matter, earth's materials, and ecosystems. Learning is made fun with experiments like showing the three states of matter with root beer floats, growing, and observing lima bean plants, and making shoebox animal habitats.
<i>Social Studies</i>	Students learn about who we are as Americans. They learn map skills, differences among Native American tribes, immigration, Colonial America, citizenship, and our government. In addition to discovering who we are as Americans, students study ancient Greek life and culture.
<i>Technology</i>	As an Apple certified school, technology resources are used to enhance learning and equip students for use and management of electronic devices with regard to education and beyond. Each student has an iPad in the classroom to differentiate learning through review games, and individual assignments. We also use the interactive Promethean board to make whole group lessons more fun and exciting.
<i>Fostering a Faith that Sticks</i>	Our students not only learn the Bible but apply it to their lives to be the hands and feet of Jesus, with the goal of equipping students to transform the world for Christ and His Kingdom. We believe that 2nd grade is such an important year for students to start taking ownership of their relationship with God. We pray with them each morning and give them opportunities to pray out loud.
<i>We Lead</i>	The students learn responsibility and how to serve their fellow classmates through their classroom job each week. They also have the opportunity to participate in the Student Council.
THE HEARTBEAT OF 2ND GRADE	Our 2nd graders have the opportunity to participate in many fun on-campus events and activities. Our favorite event is our Veteran's Day program where Veteran friends and family members are invited to attend a program to honor them for all they do for our country. We also host our Greek Day event as a culmination activity of our Greek culture unit. This day is a fun celebration with Greek Olympic games, Greek food, making togas and torches, and Greek art. A favorite field trip is the Sunsational Citrus Farm, where the students learn about farming many types of fruits and vegetables, plant lettuce, and wash citrus. We also go to the Crayola Experience where students learn how crayons are made and melt crayons to make their own masterpiece.

