

Second Grade Class Overview

Teacher: Miss Joni Parrish

Bible

Curriculum: *StarLight 2* by Praise Hymn Inc.

Second grade students develop a meaningful prayer life, memorize scripture, locate various passages in the Bible, and apply Biblical principals to everyday life. We aim to live as Jesus did! In addition, they study a variety of important people in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Finally, the students gain a deeper understanding of the Christmas and Easter holidays.

English

Curriculum: Harcourt Trophies

Students learn the various types and structures of sentences. The grammar portion includes the study of nouns, verbs, adjectives, abbreviations, and contractions. Proper use of punctuation and capitalization is also addressed.

Reading

Curriculum: Harcourt Trophies

Students are instructed and practice in fluency, vocabulary development, comprehension and analysis, reference/study skills, and literary elements. Classroom reading includes self-selected reading, individual reading, partner reading, group reading, and reading aloud to the class as a whole. Students respond to the text through discussion, dramatization, various projects, and activity sheets. We conduct regular assessment of progress in oral reading, comprehension, and reading skills

Writing

Curriculum: Harcourt Trophies

The students continue to transfer their reading skills to writing conventions by using their knowledge of word structure and phonics to spell words. They apply to their writing what they learn about sentence structure, grammar, and mechanics throughout the year. Various writing strategies are explored and applied, including narrative, descriptive, and expository writing. Students are also taught to revise and proofread individual and peer writings. A highlight of the writing program in second grade is the introduction to cursive!

Spelling

Curriculum: Harcourt Trophies

Students are tested each week on a set of words that are being studied in the phonics lessons as well. Phonetically regular words, irregular words, and one-syllable words with consonant blends are tested.

Phonics

Curriculum: Harcourt Trophies

Students continue to grow in their phonemic awareness and decoding abilities. They are introduced to complex letter patterns and learn various decoding and encoding strategies for multi-syllable words. Word blending and word building are essential aspects of the second grade phonics program.

Science

Curriculum: *Science for Christian Schools* by Bob Jones Press

Students gain an appreciation of God's creation, design and purpose as they study the skeletal and muscular system, observe light and shadows, and distinguish between living and non-living things. They also gain an understanding of the earth and its components, origins, its rotation, and revolution. Second graders use skills to observe, classify, and measure to record data.

Social Studies

Curriculum: *Winning America, Working Together in the Colonies* by Bob Jones Press

Students focus on the study of American history from the years 1607-1776, incorporating the studies of American and world history, culture, geography, government, and economics. The students learn to read and understand simple maps, timelines, charts, and graphs to increase their comprehension of this period of history.

Mathematics

Curriculum: Houghton Mifflin Mathematics

Through the use of various manipulatives, several hands-on activities, and paper/pencil work, the students are introduced to, develop, and master several mathematical concepts. The second grade mathematics program focuses on mastering addition and subtraction facts, numbers and patterns to 100, data and graphing, money to \$1.00, adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, Geometry, fractions, probability, measurement, time, and calendars. They are also introduced to multiplication, division, numbers and patterns to 1,000, and adding and subtracting three-digit numbers. Problem solving and various assessments are integrated throughout the curriculum.

Music

Music instruction with a specialist teacher occurs twice weekly. The curriculum covers elemental theory, vocal technique and rhythm instruments. We study music history including composers from each time period and their works. We also celebrate the Biblical feasts. All of this is done in the context of using this unique gift to bless and edify others as we honor and glorify the Lord. Students perform in both Christmas and Spring concerts each year.

Physical Education

Students meet for Physical Education twice per week. They participate in a variety of activities that are structured to work on cardio-vascular and various muscles as well as to develop skills needed to participate in individual and team activities. Rules and strategy concepts are introduced as age appropriate. Sportsmanship and Christ like behaviors are emphasized. Students are graded on A.C.E. = Attitude, Cooperation and Effort.

Art

Second graders engage in art class once a week. The students are given opportunities to creatively apply the elements, principles, and expressive qualities of art. Students use a variety of processes and tools to complete their art projects and gain an appreciation for art and the creative outlet it offers.

Library

The library program fosters the love of reading and books. Students encounter a wide variety of literature in weekly library classes that promote library skills and stewardship.