



SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

By the end of 2nd grade, our goal is for students to become confident readers, accurate mathematicians, capable writers, and increasingly independent learners.



Phonics & Reading:

By the end of the year:

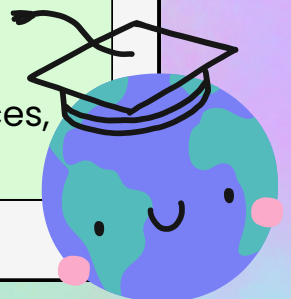
- Apply phonics skills to read words with more advanced vowel combinations, blends, digraphs, prefixes, suffixes, and word endings.
- Read longer passages, stories, and books with fluency, accuracy, and expression.
- Build vocabulary and determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Identify main ideas, important details, sequence, and cause and effect.
- Answer questions and demonstrate understanding of what they read.
- Develop stronger independent reading habits.

Goal: Read grade-level material independently and understand and explain what they have read.

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

- Write complete sentences and organized paragraphs.
- Use correct capitalization, punctuation, spelling, and grammar.
- Identify and use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and other basic parts of speech.
- Understand subjects, predicates, and different types of sentences.
- Use proper grammar when speaking and writing.
- Write from personal experiences, stories, pictures, and other prompts.
- Organize ideas and develop short compositions.
- Continue developing neat, legible handwriting.

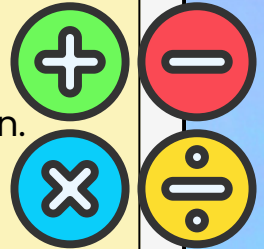
Goal: Communicate ideas clearly using complete sentences, correct grammar, and organized writing.



MATH

- Read, write, compare, and order numbers into the hundreds and beyond.
- Understand place value and regrouping.
- Add and subtract larger numbers accurately.
- Develop fluency with addition and subtraction facts.
- Begin building a foundation for multiplication and division.
- Solve one- and two-step word problems.
- Work with money, time, measurement, fractions, and geometry.
- Identify patterns and relationships between numbers.
- Use logical thinking and problem-solving strategies.

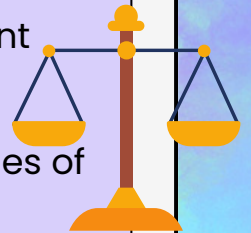
Goal: Build strong computation skills and confidently apply math to solve problems.



HISTORY

- Important people, places, and events in American history.
- Key events in America's founding and development.
- American symbols, government, citizenship, and important documents.
- Communities and how people contribute to society.
- Maps, directions, continents, oceans, landforms, and bodies of water.
- Basic geography of the United States and the world.
- Different cultures and ways people live around the world.

Goal: Develop a stronger understanding of American history, geography, citizenship, and the world.



Science

- God's Creation: The earth, atmosphere, weather, seasons, and natural resources.
- Living Things: Plants, animals, habitats, life cycles, and how living things are classified.
- Our World: The human body, matter, energy, forces, motion, and other basic scientific concepts.
- Earth & Space: The earth, sun, moon, stars, and our place in God's creation.

Goal: Understand foundational science concepts while recognizing God's design and order in creation.



BIBLE



- Important Bible stories and truths from Scripture.
- Key people and events from the Old and New Testaments.
- The life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Bible verses through regular memorization.
- Biblical principles such as faith, obedience, honesty, kindness, forgiveness, and responsibility.
- How God's Word applies to decisions, relationships, and everyday life.

Goal: Grow in biblical knowledge and understand how God's Word guides our thoughts, choices, and actions.

Class, Homework, and Grading Expectations



Classwork

Students will complete daily classwork and activities that reinforce the skills being taught in each subject.



Homework

Homework is a GCS standard and will be assigned every night. Homework is designed to reinforce classroom learning and help students practice skills independently.



Grading

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the year. GCS requires at least one test or quiz each week in every subject.

- **Tests: 30%**
- **Quizzes: 25%**
- **Classwork: 20%**
- **Homework: 10%**
- **Participation: 15%**

Our goal: Consistent practice, regular assessment, and active participation help students build strong academic foundations.

Preparing Hearts. Building Skills. Growing Learners.