

Overview of Second Grade Curriculum

Language Arts, including Phonics, English, Spelling, Handwriting and Reading: Bob Jones University Press: Students continue to build on the reading and spelling vocabulary and use the rules of English usage properly in their creative writing. Reading comprehension is evaluated on a regular basis using the McCall-Crabbs Reading Comprehension Tests. Reading texts from Bob Jones University Press publications support the language arts curriculum. Independent reading in classroom library books and reading to students from classic children's literature are an essential part of the program.

History: Bob Jones University Press: As part of the Heritage studies, students will study geography, culture, government, citizenship, and economics, all presented from the perspective of a biblical worldview. Students will develop literacy skills as they practice visual analysis and work with informational texts.

Science: Bob Jones University Press: Topics that the second grade students cover in science include:

Earth Science: History of the earth: theories; fossils; A round earth: shape; people; in space; gravity; Layers of the earth: volcanoes; earthquakes; crust, center: Ocean shorelines; shorelines; beaches; sand: Space: How the earth moves: day and night; time zones; season; revolving

Life Science: Plants: annuals; biennials; perennials; gardening: Living and non-living organisms: moving; non-moving; need food, water and air; environment; behaviors; reproduction; growth: Habitats: environment; biomes; effects of wind and water communities; population

Human Body: Bones: bones and cartilage; shapes; joints; skeleton: Muscles: names; structures; in relation to bones, food and blood

Physical Science: Motion; forces: gravity; magnetic force; mechanical force; friction; laws of motion: Energy: Light and shadows: light source; light travels; transparent; translucent; opaque; shadows: Matter: Measuring length: units: standard units (inch, foot, yard, centimeter,

Mathematics: Abeka: Based on God's principles of the order of creation, Mathematics 2 is a comprehensive math curriculum that balances conceptual understandings of mathematics with appropriate drill and practice and allows students to practice the conceptual skills they have learned with meaningful, real life problems. The use of manipulatives is viewed as critical and necessary to the study of Mathematics. As students involve themselves in hands-on activities, they grasp the mathematical concept being presented. At the second grade level, students review and build on the following topics: addition facts; subtraction facts; place value:2-3 digit numbers; time and calendars; addition and subtraction, 2-4 digit numbers; data, customary measurement; money; introduction to multiplication; fractions; geometry; metric measurement; and introduction to division. Each lesson reviews previously learned concepts. These activities provide opportunities for the students to model and explain their work.

Bible: Bob Jones University Press: Bible 2: Truths for Life further nurtures each student's ability to internalize biblical truth and apply specific truths to real-life situations. Students will study biblical covenants, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the end times.

Also:

Music: In weekly music classes, students are taught the fundamentals of rhythm and music theory. Students will also be involved in one school musical program each year.

Physical Education: Our physical education teacher helps the students develop large motor skills and knowledge of games with rules.

Art: Students have an art class in addition to the art that is integrated into the daily program. Students learn about different techniques and about working with different media, as well as receiving an introduction to Art History. They are introduced to famous artists, and see how Bible stories and concepts have been illustrated through the ages with art.

Library: All elementary students have the opportunity to visit the school library each week for a literacy lesson. They are also able to borrow books on a weekly basis.

Social Skills: Students meet with the school counselor to learn about self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills.

Spanish: Students learn basic conversational Spanish and common vocabulary words.

Chapel: The entire elementary school joins together in the church chapel for a short service each Wednesday morning. This is a time of worship, prayer, and testimonies. Classes take turns presenting the weekly lessons. Christ Chapel Academy pastors are frequent visitors.