

Second Grade



PHONICS/ HANDWRITING/ GRAMMAR

In second grade, students work through Core Skills Phonics 3, Spelling Workout C and continue to use Classical Phonics. Cursive practice increases with New American Cursive 2. Additionally, they will work through First Language Lessons for the Well Trained Mind, Level 3 to improve grammar understanding and usage.



READING

Students begin to read fluently with good diction and expression longer chapter books including:

- ✓ Courage of Sarah Noble
- ✓ Mr. Popper's Penguins
- ✓ Little House in the Big Woods
- ✓ Several Beatrix Potter tales

Book reports and culminating projects follow most books read. At the end of second grade, students are able to read the following passage:

Mr. Popper's Penguins

The manager stepped out on the stage. "Ladies and gentleman," he said, raising his hand, "with your kind indulgence we are going to try out a little novelty number tonight. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the *Marvelous Marcos* are unable to appear. We are going to let you see a rehearsal of the *Popper Performing Penguins*, instead. I thank you."

In a dignified way, the Poppers and the penguins walked out on the stage, and Mrs. Popper sat down on the piano.



MATH

Saxon 3 - "Saxon teaches students using a spiral-format that consistently reviews older concepts, adding more and more information to concepts they have previously encountered."
-Saxon Teacher's Edition

Topics Include:

- ✓ Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- ✓ Divide by single digit divisors
- ✓ Solve story problems
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Add and subtract multi-digit numbers
- ✓ Telling time to the 1 minute
- ✓ Measurement
- ✓ Skip counting

Goal: Automatic fact recall is expected by the end of second grade.



HISTORY

In second grade, students learn about the Middle Ages, using *Story of the World-Volume 2*, where they study "the fall of Rome to the rise of the Renaissance."

Goals include:

- ✓ Give students an enthusiasm for history
- ✓ Achieve a basic understanding of the Middle Ages
- ✓ Begin to view history as a timeline of chronological events



SCIENCE

Students go through *Exploring Creation: Flying Creatures by Apologia*, including activities and projects to make lessons come to life. Topics include:

- ✓ Nature of Zoology
- ✓ Classifying animals
- ✓ Nature of flight and birds
- ✓ Bats
- ✓ Prehistoric flying reptiles
- ✓ Insect characteristics and life cycles



MEMORY WORK

Our students build a wide base of factual knowledge through recitations, chants, and jingles! They recite the Pledge of Allegiance and an Opening Prayer every day. Some specific passages include:

- ✓ Genesis 1:14-19
- ✓ Psalm 119:1-16
- ✓ Psalm 145
- ✓ Psalm 147
- ✓ Third and Fourth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution
- ✓ The first, second, and last paragraphs of The Declaration of Independence
- ✓ The Presidents Song

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GEOGRAPHY

In second grade, students learn about the geography corresponding to the places they study in our history book, *Story of the World-Volume 2*.

- ✓ European Countries
- ✓ European Seas/Rivers/Mountains
- ✓ European Cities/Empires



OTHER

- ✓ Weekly Art, Music, PE, and Chorale classes
- ✓ Second grade students use *The Bible for Children* to read through the New Testament and learn the truth it contains.



LATIN

Students begin their study of Latin in second grade with *Prima Latina*.

- ✓ Learn 125 vocabulary words
- ✓ Memorize prayers in Latin