



Academic Overview - 2nd Grade

Bible: Students will study character traits of a wide variety of Biblical figures with a focus on application to students' lives. Throughout the year, students will learn memory verses related to our lessons.

Textbook: *Bible 2*. Purposeful Design.

Language Arts

Reading and Phonics: Reading instruction will be differentiated to meet the needs of individual students. Students will apply phonetic knowledge to read text both in small groups and independently. Daily reading activities will support students' growth in oral fluency, comprehension, and reading strategies. We will use books that teach Biblical truths and good character traits. Our main textbooks are published by BJU Press, but we also read a variety of other texts.

Textbook: *English 2*. BJU

Spelling: Spelling is taught using a word study approach. Students are assessed at the beginning of the year and then again mid-year to determine their developmental level in spelling. They work in small groups as they identify and master phonetically-based patterns in words. Students will be tested weekly.

Writing: Students will have weekly writing assignments that they will work on each day. Assignments will include personal narratives, poetry, friendly letters, make believe stories, book reports, descriptive paragraphs, and a research report. They will learn to brainstorm ideas, organize their ideas, and form their ideas into a well-written paragraph. They will explore different styles of writing, reference skills, and sentence structure.

Textbook: *English 2: Grammar and Writing*. BJU Press

Handwriting: Students will learn cursive in second grade. Our textbook guides students through each letter of the alphabet until they are ready to write complete sentences in cursive.

Textbook: *Writing with Phonics*. A Beka

Math: Students will master basic addition and subtraction facts and learn how to apply this knowledge in adding and subtracting two-digit and three-digit numbers. Other math topics include money, time, measurement, collecting and displaying data, geometry, fractions, and place value to 1,000. Students learn how to use problem solving along with these topics. Students use their personal math notebooks for review of basic skills and problem solving activities.

Textbook: Under review

Science: Our topics of study include scientific investigation, living things, fossils, natural resources, light, matter, how things move, how our body works, and our planet. Hands-on STEM projects are integrated into each unit.

Textbook: *Science 2*. BJU

Social Studies: Students will use a Biblically-based textbook published by Abeka. This textbook includes topics such as map skills, the people who built America, and America's future. Throughout the book, students are challenged to think about how God has led America throughout history.

Textbook: *Our America*. A Beka

Enrichment Classes: Music, Art, Spanish, Library, P.E.

Special Activities and Field Trips:

- Spelling Bee (including an opportunity to participate in the ACSI regional spelling bee)
- STEM projects related to units of study
- 5th Grade Reading Buddies
- Field trips vary from year to year. Past trips include Brethren Woods, Green Valley Book Fair, and Pump-It-Up with reading buddies.