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Second Grade Overview

Bible

The primary goal in second grade is to teach students how to live the Bible as well as know the Bible through a thematic, chronological study of the Old and New Testaments. **Bible Truths** curriculum, by BJU Press, helps children discover what a servant's heart is all about.

Language Arts

If Skies Be Blue and **When the Sun Rides High**, by BJU Press, reinforce phonetic skills. By providing practice, reading fluency and comprehension skills are mastered during the second grade. Vocabulary is greatly increased during this year by listening, auditory recognition, outcome, decoding, word meaning, literature, grammar usage and mechanics, study and research, and with reading and writing strategies.

English 2, by BJU Press, provides instruction and practice in a wide range of language skills. Students will learn to plan, draft, revise, proofread, and publish many types of writing: personal narrative, descriptive paragraph, letter, book report, guided research report, as well as much more, are covered in second grade. **D'Nealian Handwriting**, by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, supplements **English 2** and introduces cursive writing skills.

Good spelling skills are developed through **Spelling Connections** by Zaner Bloser. Reinforces the most reliable spelling patterns and introduces the most common structural generalizations. Journaling, practice in fundamental dictionary skills, and a Bible word study are included.

Mathematics

To know, love, and understand numbers is the foundation of our math curriculum **Math 2**, by BJU Press. During the year students will review, advance in, and be introduced to new concepts. These concepts will include: counting, place value, addition, subtraction, problem solving, geometry, logical thinking, money, measurement, roman numerals, graphs, calendar, time fractions, multiplication, and division.

Science

Science 2 by BJU Press, teaches the students to love and understand God's creation. It includes the study of the characteristics of living things, earth and its natural resources, earth in space, how things respond to magnetic forces, light, and forms of matter- solid, liquids, and gas. Weekly experiments and themes supplement the curriculum which adds an excitement and change to every week.

Social Studies

In our text **Heritage Studies 2**, by BJU Press, Students are taken back to the founding of the United States from Jamestown through the War for Independence. Students are introduced to Colonial farming, shop keeping, clothing, and kings and queens of that period. With over sixty-two complete lessons which include activities, patterns for crafts, games, and songs, students are immersed in the history of this period. Each lesson is designed to promote age-appropriate discussions which encourage critical thinking skills.

Enrichment Classes

Additional instruction in music, physical education, and library enhance the education offered in 2nd Grade at Willamette Christian School.