



Eastside Christian School

ECS CURRICULUM GUIDE

SECOND GRADE OVERVIEW

Classroom Structure: Self-contained for core subjects and art. Specialists: computer, library, art, music, physical education.

Student/Teacher Ratio: *20:1

School Day 8:45 am – 3:05 pm
Lunch/recess 20 minutes lunch, 20 minutes recess
Afternoon recess 15 minutes

BIBLE and CHAPEL

Second Grade

Second Grade BIBLE THEME: God's Way to Live. TEXT: BIBLE Purposeful Design

The content format changes as second-graders begin learning about Bible characters in two- and three-week units. Studying a different life scenario each week, they focus on thirty-six character traits from the lives of various Bible characters and learn how to emulate these traits in their daily lives. Students participate in community outreach through visits to the Mission Health Care Center.

Chapel program includes weekly worship, exposure to Christian beliefs, and a focus on monthly character traits. Monthly participation in our DEEP program provides additional understanding of the character traits and a wonderful multi-age team-building experience.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Second Grade

Second grade teachers use the ABeka Phonics and Reading Program, Write Away Language Program, and 6-Traits Writing curriculum. Second grade marks the onset of cursive writing instruction. Students learn letter formation during writing time, and the guided practice crosses into various curricular areas.

Phonics/Reading/Spelling:

- Oral Reading Fluency
- Weekly Spelling List-Test
- Vocabulary Words-Definitions
- Accelerated Reader Quizzes
- Complete Sentences

Language/Grammar:

- Capitalization
- Punctuation
- Suffixes, Prefixes & Abbreviations

- Singular-Plural
- Poetry
- Word Usage Rules

Writing:

- Alphabetizing
- Dictionary Skills
- Guided Creative Writing/Poetry
- Writing Journals
- Letters
- Paragraphs: Narrative, Expository, Descriptive

MATH

Second Grade

Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions:

- Addition and Subtraction – Facts to 20/3-Digit Process to 200
- Measurement and Shapes
- Solving Story Problems
- Triangles/Quadrilaterals
- Time/Tables/Graphs
- Metric Measurement and 3-D Shapes
- Multiplication and Fractions

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

Second Grade

- Colonies
- Native Americans
- Pioneers
- Pilgrims
- US Geography

Science: Purposeful Design

- Senses
- Energy/Heat/Light
- Animal Habitats
- Plants

SPECIALISTS

Second Grade

Second grade students are taught by specialists in the following areas:

Art: 50 minutes – every other week

Emphasis is on participating in various art mediums and developing an appreciation for God's beauty and design.

Computer: 30 minutes – once a week

The computer specialist assists students in becoming comfortable with the basic workings of the hardware and software in the ECS computer lab. Second grade students advance their keyboarding with correct hand position and use *Typing Tutor* software. Students also navigate our local network, word process documents, and create media with basic graphic design software.

Music: 30 minutes – twice a week

- Students will respond to music with movement and creativity through dances, games and song
- Rhythm: understand beat and rhythm, read and perform rhythm phrases using half notes, quarter notes, paired eighth notes and quarter rest
- Melody: review and practice so-mi-la, identify treble clef and bass clef
- Harmony: round/canons
- Form: call/response, verse/refrain
- Timbre: identify and review orchestra instruments
- Style: worship/seasonal/patriotic/multicultural
- Music appreciation: “William Tell”
- Group/performance: weekly chapel, Christmas program

PE: 30 minutes – twice a week

- Movement and motor skill competency
- Health-related physical fitness and wellness
- Human movement principles
- Social skills and self-concept
- Promotion of lifetime participation in activity

Library: 30 minutes – every other week