

Second Grade

Curriculum and Program Highlights

Reading/Literature

- Word attack skills developed for reading, comprehension, and vocabulary fluency expression and accuracy.
- Word recognition and meaning including words with multiple meanings, antonyms, synonyms, homographs and homophones
- Guidance towards independent reading
- Reading aloud by the teacher to support excitement from books and modeling what good readers do and sound like
- Oral reading with proper phrasing and expression
- Fiction and nonfiction differences
- Monthly book reports

English/Language Arts

- Writing will be expected every day.
- Proper sentence structure, punctuation, and capitalization
- Structure of paragraph writing
- Vocabulary words used in reading, spelling words, and special words will be used for individual sentence construction
- Practice in forms: Stories, poems, journals, letters and reports
- Types of writing: expository, narrative, and descriptive are explored
- Edit their own writing-usage of the proper step in the writing process including editing their own work
- Introduction of dictionary skills

Mathematics

- Numerals, numbers and place value-basic math facts with immediate recall to (sums of 20)
- Addition and subtraction as well as whole number multiplication
- Time and Money concepts will be practiced
- Estimating of standard units of measure
- Word problems to insure understanding and develop critical thinking
- Set up and interpret simple graphs-using collected and/or given data

- Stanford University distance learning is available as a supplement for advanced students

Social Studies

- Natural landscape and the human history of the United States
- Interdependence of people, animals, and land
- Geographic features: such as desert, prairie, and woodlands
- Native Americans living in these various environments
- European settlement of the United States and current use of land and resources to meet our needs
- Conservation of resources
- Learn the difference between wants and needs
- Communities/Economics

Science/Health

- Exploring the natural world
- Units of study such as: recycling, food chain, ocean creatures, and insects-life cycles of plants and animals
- Learn about nutrition and digestion
- Promotion of critical and creative thinking
- Interact with the weekly hands on science experiments
- Invention Unit –Prepare a display to present at school wide event

Physical Education

- Ball skills through games, relays, and obstacle course activities
- Upper body strength through playground games and equipment
- Whole body balance and coordination through use of hoops, ropes, and games
- Learn to care for self, materials, space, and play environment
- Game rules and sportsmanship

Computer

- Twice a week labs, to practice a variety of games designed to help increase students facility with computer and keyboard
- Introduction to carefully guided internet research

- Introduction to Power Point with simple projects
- Utilize software programs at teacher direction which will enhance the math and reading curriculum

Specialized Programs

- Field Trips
- Accelerated Reading (rewards program)
- Invention Convention
- French and/or Spanish
- Individual and group performances for students and parents
- Spectra Art (art appreciation curriculum)
- Hand writing carefully supervised
- Friendship classes
- Daily hot lunch
- Skiing, martial arts, chess, tennis, Spanish, and clay classes are available
- Music for musical presentations