Second Grade Curriculum

**Bible**
A Beka Book Publications – *The Salvation Series*
Second graders start with the salvation message and then move into many others areas in this order:
- An extensive study of Moses and the deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land
- The Pilgrim journey into the New World
- The birth of Jesus.
- Joshua and the completion of the journey to the Promised Land
- The Judges
- The Life of Christ, including his death, resurrection, and return to heaven.

Second graders memorize selected Bible verses and the Ten Commandments. Every Thursday students attend a school chapel service where they engage in praise songs and listen to a speaker.

**Language/Writing/Penmanship**
A Beka Book Publication – *Language 2*
A Beka Book Publication – *Writing with Phonics I*
Many language skills – thinking, reading comprehension, and writing skills – increase each year as students master traditional grammar and apply what they learn to oral and written communication. The students have many opportunities for creative writing with sentences, stories, and friendly letters. Cursive writing is mastered by the end of second grade using the *Writing With Phonics* program which teaches and reviews letter formation, posture, size and slant, and paper and pencil position. Phonics, spelling, and creative writing skills are built into the exercises generating a sense of fun and pride for the second graders as they accomplish these tasks.

**Reading**
Bob Jones University Book Publication – *If Skies Be Blue and Reading 2 Student Worktext*
A Beka Book Publication – *Growing Up Where Jesus Lived*
Bob Jones uses stories and poetry to build students’ reading abilities and stress Christian values. Vocabulary, comprehension, and other reading skills are stressed (ex: long/short vowels; writing complete sentences; punctuation; syllable rules; ABC order; using a glossary to name a few). Reading homework is required to encourage parent involvement to help students become fluent and expressive readers.

**Spelling/Phonics**
Spaulding Book Publication – *The Writing Road to Reading*
This text is used to teach spelling, decoding methods, and phonograms. The students take weekly spelling tests, and use a variety of activities and games to reinforce the weekly list. Phonograms are practiced every day, and spelling dictation is used frequently to stress correct sentence structure and punctuation. Spelling homework is required.
**Mathematics**

A Beka Book Publication – *Arithmetic 2*

Second graders are introduced to many math concepts using seatwork and games. Students learn addition, subtraction (up to three digit numbers, with carrying and borrowing, money, geometry, fractions, measurement, and time graphing. Multiplication and division are initiated. Dividing the units into “themes” of pond life, foreign countries, travel, and rain forests increases students’ interest and keeps the daily lessons fresh and exciting.

**Science/Health**

A Beka Book Publication – *Enjoying God’s World*

Enjoying God’s World by A Beka is used to familiarize students to their bodies, plants/seeds, insects/animals (with an emphasis on polar bears and whales), and our planet. A nutrition unit is taught using materials from the Dairy Council. Students learn about science from a biblical perspective emphasizing the awesomeness of God.

**History**

A Beka Book Publication – *Our America*

A Beka takes the second graders through units of the building of our great country. We learn about

- our flag
- patriotic holidays
- Christopher Columbus
- the people who built America: the Separatists, Indians, Colonists, pioneers, cowboys and new Americans
- Fire Safety

**Cultural Experiences**

Several authors are explored during the year with activities that go along with the chosen books. Some of these include:

- Gertrude Chandler Warner: *The Boxcar Children*
- Jan Brett: *The Mitten*
- Beatrix Potter: *Peter Rabbit*

The second graders have many visitors during the year, including firemen, community workers, and ethnic entertainers. Field trips are planned by the teacher and are usually enjoyed at the end of the school year.

**Art**

Second graders have an art activity each week which includes cutting, pasting, drawing, painting, and using different mediums such as melted crayon and chalk to name a few. Students are encouraged to use their own creativity and appreciate art no matter what their level of artistic ability may be. We focus
on one particular artist during the year and discuss his style—later, we try our hand at this type of painting.

**Computer/Library**
Second graders go to library once a week and are directed to books that will give them success with reading on their own. They are allowed to check out books for two weeks during this time. Students also go to computer once a week learning games that reinforce skills learned in the classroom. Their individual progress is monitored and tracked.

**Music**
Bob Jones Book Publication – *Music for Christian Schools Worktext*
All elementary students attend music classes for 90 minutes each week. We use a Christian music curriculum and supplement it with contemporary Christian music, hymns, classical, and folk music. Elementary students perform in at least two concerts each year. These concerts place a high emphasis on evangelism. We also have opportunities several times a year to do community outreach performing at Christmas open houses, nursing homes, banks, etc.

**Physical Education**
Students have physical education twice per week. An emphasis is placed on:

- Strengthening motor skills and hand-eye coordination (jump rope, exercises, catching, throwing)
- Acquiring general knowledge of games (tag, four square, kickball)
- Learning rules and methods to play organized sports (basketball, volleyball, softball, tennis)
- Incorporating physical activity and team work in daily living
- Developing good sportsmanship, a positive attitude, and full participation everyday