



Second Grade Curriculum

MCS Second Grade is aligned with the California state standards.

BIBLE: *(ACSI/Purposeful Design Publications) Our program develops spiritual growth in children through the study of Bible stories and memorization of Bible verses. The Bible is presented as the story of God's acts and words, written so that his people might know God and themselves, accept his gift of salvation, and live lives of joyful service and obedience. The Bible is taught as the divinely inspired and infallible Word of God. The students are immersed in the stories and other writing in the Bible so that they may grow in knowledge, wisdom, sensitivity, and creativity.*

CHAPEL: *Students attend a weekly chapel with lessons developed specifically for their age. Second graders also present a Biblically based class chapel.*

READING and LANGUAGE ARTS: *(Houghton Mifflin) Second graders are learning to be effective communicators while going above and beyond the California State Standards. The program focuses on listening skills, speaking skills, reading skills, and writing. The students study thematic units as they learn reading and comprehension strategies, decoding and phonics, high frequency words, sight words, reading fluency, methods of inquiry, drawing conclusions, critical thinking and making inferences. In language arts, students learn standard-based skills in grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. Our students do very well participating in ACSI Speech competitions as well as the ACSI Spelling Bee Competitions. Second graders do many types of writing including introducing report writing, journal writing, persuasive writing, problem-solution writing, invitations, poems, news articles, informative writing, opinion, and compare-contrast writing. We focus on perfecting the writing process for friendly letters, expository writing and narrative writing.*

MATH: *(Arithmetic 2 by A Beka Book) The math book is designed with spiral review, building upon what has been previously taught and including a lot of review and practice of what is being taught. It uses a variety of activities and interesting themes to keep the students interested and motivated to learn the following concepts: Counting beyond 1,000, place value with rounding, addition, subtraction, problem solving, geometry, logical thinking, money(adding and subtracting), roman numerals, graphing, calendar skills, time concepts, telling time to the minute, fractions, measurement, perimeter, multiplication facts and division facts (0-5). This is a book by a Christian publisher and includes Biblical references throughout the pages further*

reinforcing God's relevance and his order in our lives.

SCIENCE: *(by Scott Foresman) Second graders explore units on physical science, life science, earth science, and the human body. Each unit includes exploration activities, investigation activities, and labs. The students are learning scientific terminology as they participate in hands-on activities.*

SOCIAL STUDIES: *(Heritage Studies 2 by Bob Jones University) Our students learn about communities and farming (both old and new), the colonies, the Revolutionary war, the start of the United States(including the Great Compromise and the Constitution), people from all over, people that have made an important impact on our lives and on our country. We focus on their roles as responsible citizens while the book helps to integrate Bible Action Truths and Bible Promises for each lesson.*

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS:

- Weekly instruction in Physical Education
- Weekly instruction in the computer lab
- Weekly visits to the school library
- Weekly instruction in music and music theory

Our program includes performance opportunities with Christmas and Grandparents Day presentations

FIELD TRIPS: *A Theatrical Presentation (can vary), Fantozzi Farms, Hilmar Cheese, Sacramento Zoo*

Extended Day Care: *Before and after school care is available.*