

2nd GRADE

Curriculum

Reading

Reading is taught using the workshop model. Reading workshop includes mini-lessons, guided reading groups, individual reading conferences, independent reading and read alouds. We will read fiction, nonfiction and fables and folktales from many cultures. There is a strong focus on skills and strategies that will lead to students' fuller comprehension of the material they read.

Writing

We also use a workshop model to teach writing. This includes a mini-lesson, writing time, conferences and sharing. The children will be writing narrative, opinion and informational pieces. They will compose small moment stories, persuasive writing, research reports and responses to literature.

Word Study

Word Study will focus on phonics patterns, high frequency words, vocabulary and spelling strategies. The study of words and their meanings is incorporated within all content areas. The children will receive explicit instruction as well as a chance to work with words independently and in small groups. Each unit is at least two weeks long to allow for more in depth work and practice.

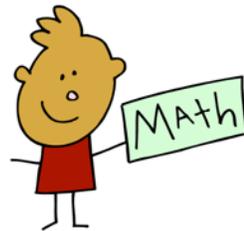
Science & Social Studies

Science is integrated across the curriculum allowing students to investigate topics and interests. Our areas of focus include weather, force and motion and how animals and humans effect their environments. We will study various American leaders and inventors, basic economic principles, and also compare daily life in the past with life today. We will explore cultures, geography and map skills.



Mathematics:

Math is taught using the workshop model. Daily instruction includes a variety of routines which build number sense, extend understanding of place value and build fluency with addition and subtraction. Measurement, data and geometry are also taught. Lessons and activities and help children deepen their mathematical understanding and communicate their thinking.



Related Arts:

The students are instructed by specialists for fifty minutes each day.

A Day	PE	Beth Schuth
B Day	Library	Dr. Peggy Henderson Murphy
C Day	Music	Alison Davis
D Day	Art	Dr. Sharon Buda