

COURSE OVERVIEW FOR 2nd Grade



Bible

ACSI Elementary Bible Series—Second graders study different Biblical characters, focusing on a specific character trait seen in each. Each character is studied in a two-to-three week unit. Throughout the year, thirty-six different character traits are presented in a way that is easily applicable in the students' daily lives.

Mathematics

Arithmetic 2, A Beka Book. Second grade students will review and be taught counting forward and backward by ones, twos, threes, fours, fives, and tens; place value to the ten thousands place, rounding to the nearest ten, counting various combinations of money; addition and subtraction of families 1-18, carrying and borrowing problems up to three-digit numbers including dollars and cents; problem solving with word problems requiring carrying, borrowing, multiplication, and division; geometry with recognizing and drawing geometric shapes and lines, locations on a coordinate plane, perimeter, scale drawings, and symmetry; logical thinking in continuing patterns; money in counting various amounts, making change, and general addition and subtraction; Roman numerals in writing the numerals and reading clocks; graphs in using horizontal and vertical bar graphs, pictographs, maps, and grids; calendar information in completing calendars, memorizing days of the week and months of the year as well as days in the year and weeks in the year; time-telling to the minute.

Handwriting

Writing with Phonics 2, A Beka Book. Printing letters are briefly reviewed in this course; however, cursive writing is the primary focus. Students will learn all lower and upper case cursive letters as they are correlated throughout the curriculum with our Phonics curriculum. The primary focus of this course is to instruct students on the proper formation of cursive letters and to develop orderliness and neatness in their handwriting.

English

English 2 for Christian Schools, Bob Jones University Press. Students are first taught that language is a gift from God, and as such, should be used as a tool to glorify Him. This course, with this mindset, develops correct Grammar in both written and oral communication, uses a step-by-step approach to the writing process in preparing various types of compositions, encourages clear and effective writing, develops study and reference skills, and improves listening and speaking skills.

Phonics

Phonics, Reading, & Spelling 2, A Beka Book. This course presents phonics to the students as being a tool for reading. Students review vowel and consonant sounds, blends, diphthongs, and phonemes. Phonics rules are strongly instructed and practiced throughout the curriculum as well. Along with basic phonics strategies, students are also instructed in multiple English concepts including punctuation, synonyms, abbreviations, apostrophes, contractions, and capitalization.

Reading

Phonics, Reading, & Spelling 2, A Beka Book. Second grade reading instruction incorporates both group, individual, partner, and occasionally class reading. Groups are changed multiple times throughout the year based on a variety of things such as reading ability, interests, commonalities, and so forth. This curriculum utilizes the phonetic approach to reading, and students are shown that phonics is an outstandingly useful tool in deciphering unfamiliar words.

Spelling

Spelling and Poetry 2, A Beka Book. Spelling is taught in correlation with phonics instruction. Each week, the spelling list reinforces phonics rules being learned by the students. One list is taught each week, and the students are tested on each week's lesson. Lists 1-15 contain twenty words each; lists 16-26 contain twenty words and three vocabulary words with definitions; and lists 27-32 contain twenty-five words with three vocabulary words and definitions.

Science

Science 2 for Christian Schools, Bob Jones University Press. This course has a primary focus on students developing a knowledge of God through studying His creation. Throughout the curriculum, the presence of God as well as His attributes are clearly portrayed in everything from plants to the human body to the ocean and its creatures. Students will learn scientific facts and principles; scientific skills including observations, experimentation, prediction, and classification; and scientific attitudes towards classwork, personal interests, science itself, and society.

Social Studies

Our America 2, A Beka Book. American history is taught using a variety of topics including patriotic songs and holidays, influential people, and geography. Students will learn map skills including the locations of the seven continents, four oceans, and all fifty states. They will learn of the beauty and greatness of the United States and of the influential events and individuals who have significantly contributed to that fact. They will learn of personal responsibilities that, even as second graders, they possess in maintaining the greatness of our country. Finally, the students will be shown how the hand of God can be seen throughout our exciting history and the godly principles upon which this nation was founded.

Physical Education

2nd graders have physical education class 3 days a week. We use the 3rd edition of Physical Education K-2 by Christian Schools International. Creative goals for grade 2 curriculum stress integrative skill mastery and regular exercise. Manipulative skill development, manipulative skill integration (running, throwing, hitting, and catching), motor ability development, and creative movement. The decisional goal of share, care and play fair help students to understand and practice integrity. Teaching "how" and "why" of skilled play, fitness awareness, and integrity emphasizes intellectual understandings.