

## Each Day

Second grade students have both classroom time and enrichment class time each day. Bible lessons are taught daily and normally start each student's day. Lunch and recess are typically in the middle of the day to provide a "brain break" for students. Students will bring home a "Monday Folder" every week. Inside, parents will find: a teacher newsletter, graded papers, announcements and special assignments. Parents may also check Parents Web for the class newsletter, spelling words, Bible verses, special assignments and classroom information.

Parents need to sign his/her child's daily folder and return it each day.

## Classroom Parties

We celebrate Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and an End of the Year party each year. Our parties are coordinated by the class "room mom" and planned by parent volunteers.

For birthday celebrations, students may bring a snack to share. The time and day must be pre-arranged with the teacher.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to attend class parties.

## Field Trips

In second grade, students may take field trips to places such as Mainstay Farms, Log Cabin Village and the Fort Worth Zoo. Approved drivers take students in booster seats to the events. Permission slips will be sent home with all information concerning field trips.

TCA policy does not allow siblings to participate in class field trips.

## Homework

As a parent it is critical at this stage in your child's development to be actively involved in student's homework. This includes helping the child by providing time, supplies and an area that is free from distractions where children can build good study habits, organizational skills and responsibility. Homework will be assigned to reinforce concepts and skills taught in the classroom. Additionally, work not completed in class may be sent as homework as well as special class projects. It is the student's responsibility to turn in his/her homework the following day. Work turned in late will receive a 10 point deduction each day the work is late. No late homework is accepted after the third day. Per TCA policy, a student has one day for every day absent to return completed make-up assignments.

In second grade, homework is normally given on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. Nightly homework requires approximately 30 minutes of work at home.

## Second Grade Hours

8:20-3:10

Early Bird Before School Care– 7:30-8:10  
Eagle's Nest After School Care– 3:35-6:00

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# Welcome to



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Trinity Christian Academy is dedicated to developing excellence in education, character, and servant leadership through a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

## Welcome to Second Grade!

Second grade at Trinity Christian Academy is a wonderful time of friendship and learning. Both traditional and hands-on learning allow second graders to explore all subjects through a Christian worldview using Bible-based curriculum. Below are some distinctives of second grade at TCA:

- Small class size (1 teacher per 18 students)
- Bible-based curriculum
- Strong, balanced phonics program
- Traditional classrooms which allow for whole group instruction, peer learning and independent learning centers
- Weekly chapel
- Field trips
- Bible buddies
- Enrichment classes
- Required entrance testing
- Spring achievement testing

## Enrichment Classes

Students attend Spanish, computer, library, music and PE twice a week. Students attend art class once a week.

## Mission Projects

In order to teach Christian service, each teacher will select a classroom mission project for the year. Teachers explain the project to students and make arrangements for class participation. Second grade classes most often gather items needed by missionaries and local charities. Our class project for 2016 was blankets for the Nursing Home.

## Bible

Second graders study Bible characters and learn to apply Bible character traits in their personal lives. The theme of Bible in second grade centers around people who followed God's voice. Through these lives, students will learn the importance of obeying God and following His ways. Students will memorize weekly Bible verses (assigned on Monday/ tested on Friday).

The Bible textbook for second grade is Bible Grade 2 by Purposeful Design Publishers.

## Handwriting

At this age, second graders are refining manuscript handwriting skills. Therefore, handwriting is practiced every day.

The handwriting textbook for second grade is A Reason for Handwriting/ Manuscript B by The Concerned Group.

## Spelling

Students will be given a list of spelling words on Monday, and receive a final test on Friday. Each day students review words in their spelling workbooks with games and spelling activities. Words are to be mastered at home for the test. Spelling lessons incorporate phonics, grammar, writing and dictionary skills learned through weekly lessons.

The spelling book for second grade is Spelling Grade 2 by Purposeful Design Publishers.

## Reading

The primary goal of second grade reading is to enable students to become "thinking" readers. In order to accomplish this task, students will build an understanding of:

- Word recognition and phonic skills using syllable counting and division, base words, prefixes, suffixes, compound words, context clues and sight words
- Express understanding of stories using literal, interpretive, critical and appreciative levels of comprehension
- Follow directions, draw conclusions, compare and contrast, develop opinions, make inferences and predict outcomes
- Build vocabulary from understanding context clues, antonyms, synonyms, prefixes, suffixes, analogies, compound words and contractions
- Students will participate in at-home reading assignments and complete book reports as assigned throughout the year

The reading textbook for second grade is Reading 2 by BJU Press.

## Language Arts

Second graders apply phonic rules, grammar, writing mechanic skills, vocabulary development, listening and composition skills through daily language arts lessons. Skills are taught through drills, games, and worksheets which correlate with topics covered during reading. Students are given many opportunities to experiment with the development of writing skills through writing workshops in which students create stories, proofread, correct and "publish" their work.

The language arts textbook for second grade is English 2 by BJU Press.

## Math

Second grade students will increase their math reasoning skills by:

- Identifying and writing numbers 0-9,999
- Increasing number sense by understanding place value: thousands/hundreds/tens/ones, even/odd numbers, sequencing before and after using a number line and skip counting
- Learning basic addition and subtraction facts and fact families
- Adding and subtracting four-digit numbers, column addition and using place value
- Understanding word problems using money, addition/subtraction, comparison and missing addends
- Learning that multiplication is repeated addition, multiply using vertical form, factors 0-5 and 10 and multiplication word problems
- Dividing equal sets, identifying missing factors, divisor 1-5 and division word problems
- Fractions.

Students will gain a better understanding of math terminology, algebra readiness, fractions, decimals, geometry, estimation, measurement, time, graphing, statistics and use of calculators in order to solve various types of word problems. Students participate daily in lessons reinforced with a variety of manipulatives and games. Practice at home is often needed to help master math facts.

The math textbook for second grade is Math 2 by A Beka Traditional Arithmetic.

## Fair Requirements

Second grade students will choose one of the following TCA/ACSI fairs: Speech Meet, Art Fair, or Young Author's Fair. Students are also required to participate in class science.

## History/Geography

Students enjoy learning how America was founded and the basic freedom we are blessed with. They learn about the American flag, patriotic holidays, the colonists, pioneers and cowboys. Good citizenship is emphasized and reading skills are developed. Patriotic songs are included. Students are introduced to major countries and U.S. Territories.

The textbook for second grade history/geography is Our America by A Beka Publishing.

## Science

In second grade, students grow in their understanding of parts of the earth, history of the earth, light and shadows, living and non living things, motion, oceans, bones and muscles. All of science is taught with the idea that God created our wonderful world. Students are required to complete one teacher-assigned science project in conjunction with the TCA/ACSI Science Fair (students will not compete in the Science Fair).

The science textbook for second grade is Science 2 by BJU Press.

