



## SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

**IN SECOND GRADE LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

- make daily entries in the orthography notebooks to improve their handwriting
- practice reading for at least 30 minutes each day using McCall-Crabbs readers
- study sentence patterns and practice writing sentences
- learn the parts of speech for spelling words

**IN SECOND GRADE LITERATURE** our students will read or listen to:

- chapter books such as Charlotte’s Web, Peter Pan, and Sign of the Beaver
- stories such as Beauty and the Beast, A Christmas Carol, and The Emperor’s New Clothes
- Greek myths such as Icarus and Daedalus, The Story of Theseus, and The Labors of Heracles
- American Tall tales such as Paul Bunyan, John Henry, and Pecos Bill

**IN SECOND GRADE HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- identify the general geography of the Mediterranean and of the Americas
- identify and explain the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence
- describe Ancient Greece and the origins of democracy in general terms
- describe the contributions soldiers and veterans have made to American society
- describe the contributions of Betsy Ross, Clara Barton, Harriet Tubman et al.

**IN SECOND GRADE MATH** our students will:

- measure lengths in centimeters and inches with a ruler and weights in grams and ounces
- identify shapes and patterns such as polygons, semicircles, and curves
- add and subtract, multiply and divide
- compare and order fractions

**IN SECOND GRADE SCIENCE** our students will:

- identify the distinguishing parts of insects: head, thorax, abdomen, legs, wings
- understand the metamorphosis cycles of various insects such as butterflies
- examine how simple machines—lever, pulley, wheel-and-axle—make work easier
- study the human digestive and excretory systems and healthy diets

**IN SECOND GRADE ART** our students will:

- study and recognize famous landscape paintings such as The Oxbow and Virgin Forest
- become familiar with famous works of Ancient Greek art and architecture
- apply what they learn about the elements of art by creating their own studio art

**IN SECOND GRADE MUSIC** our students will:

- listen to and appreciate the famous works of Vivaldi, Bach, and Beethoven
- learn the instruments of the orchestra by sight and sound
- participate in choir by singing accompanied and unaccompanied, solo and ensemble

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### SECOND GRADE LITERATURE

#### Chapter Books

Charlotte’s Web  
Peter Pan  
Sign of the Beaver  
D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths  
The Long Way to a New Land  
The Town That Fooled the British

#### Poems

“Beel I’m expecting You” by E. Dickinson  
“Bed In Summer” by Robert L. Stevenson  
“Harriet Tubman” by Eloise Greenfield  
“Smart” by Shel Silverstein  
“Seashell” by Federico Garcia Lorca

#### Folklore, Fables & Fairy Tales

Beauty and the Beast  
A Christmas Carol  
The Emperor’s New Clothes  
How the Camel Got Its Hump  
The Story of Helen of Troy  
The Trojan Horse  
Zeus and His Family

#### Biographies

Alexander the Great  
A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman  
A Picture Book of Rosa Parks