



CINCINNATI
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

FORMING MINDS. HEARTS. AND SOULS

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