

Good Shepherd Christian Academy

2nd Grade

Course of Study

Language Arts

Text: A Beka Language Arts

Course Content:

Phonics: Phonics is a logical and orderly way to teach students to read English which is an alphabetical language. Phonics is taught mainly by orally teaching and reviewing the phonics charts, flashcards, and clue word cards. The following rules are also taught during phonics class:

- Review of vowels, consonants, blends, one-and two-vowel words, consonant blends
- Recognition and use of all phonics special sounds in reading
- Spelling rules: doubling consonants, dropping silent e, changing y to i

Reading: Reading is the foundation upon which much of the second grade curriculum rests. The curriculum utilizes the phonetic approach in teaching students to read. Second grade reading is in two segments – individual group reading (in reading circles according to ability) and class reading. There are 12 readers in the second grade curriculum. Four are used for class reading and eight are used during reading circles. The texts are written to be interesting, challenging, and geared to the development of Christian character.

Language: The skills included in the language portion of the A Beka curriculum include the following:

- Capitalization rules, sentence punctuation, complete sentences, questions and exclamations
- Words using suffixes, prefixes, abbreviations, compound words, opposites, rhyming words
- Words with similar meanings. possessive words and contractions
- Alphabetizing words and other dictionary skills
- Word usage rules
- Writing letters, thank you notes, and short stories
- Creative writing

Cursive Writing: Second grade learns and reviews letter formation. Guided creative writing and journal writing are also part of cursive writing class. There is also daily seatwork practice in all academic areas.

Spelling and Poetry: The text used is the A Beka Spelling and Poetry 2. There is a weekly phonics-based word list. Vocabulary words and definitions are introduced starting in the second semester. There is a weekly written homework assignment and a weekly test. The spelling glossary is used to teach dictionary skills. Seven poems are committed to memory.

Bible

Text: Positive Action For Christ

Course Content: The second grade Bible series is titled Finding God's Promises. Students will study the life of Moses through the Book of Exodus. The promises of God will be evident as the Israelites and their leader see both victory and tribulations as they learn to trust God. Two important goals are: that the children learn that the Word of God can teach them how to live from their earliest childhood experiences and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.

Weekly written quizzes are given on each lesson. There is also a memory verse assigned each week for the students to recite orally. The verses that are memorized throughout the year are: Ephesians 6: 11-20, Psalm 119:9-16, and I John 4:7-14.

The study is divided into five units as follows:

Unit One - God Gives Us Promises

Unit Two - God Creates The World

Unit Three- God Prepares a Leader

Unit Four – God Delivers His People

Unit Five – God Guides His People

Character traits, vocabulary, and life application sections are also part of each lesson. An understanding of the land of Israel is gained through map work and related skills.

Mathematics

Text: Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Math

Course Content:

Unit 1 Numbers and Addition and Subtraction Facts –Students use basic strategies in addition and subtraction to help them recall basic facts to 20 with speed and accuracy. They also use these strategies to add three numbers, find missing numbers, and to relate to addition and subtraction.

Unit 2 Place Value and Money –Students identify place value to 100, compare and order numbers, skip-count, and use ordinal numbers. They count the value of coins and dollars, make change, and compare money.

Unit 3 Time, Graphs, and Regrouping –Students tell time to 5-minute intervals, determine elapsed time, and demonstrate mastery of calendar skills. They interpret and make picture graphs, bar graphs, line plots, and Venn diagrams, as well as explore regrouping numbers.

Unit 4 Add and Subtract 2-Digit Numbers –Students add and subtract 2-digit numbers with and without regrouping. They estimate sums and differences, and check addition and subtraction.

Unit 5 Measurement and Geometry - Students measure length, capacity, weight, and temperature. Both customary and metric units are used. They identify 2-dimensional shapes and 3-dimensional figures, as well as congruent and symmetrical shapes.

Unit 6 Understanding Greater Numbers -Students explore place value to 1,000 to prepare for adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. They compare and order numbers, as well as recognize number patterns.

Unit 7 Fractions, Probability, Data, and Operations –Students identify fractions of a whole and fractions of a group, as well as compare fractions. They make predictions in probability situations. They explore multiplication and division.

Science

Text: Purposeful Design Science

Course Content: The Purposeful Design Science series was developed to engage students in investigating, observing, and thinking about the world around them. The name Purposeful Design relates to the creative work of God. Every chapter in this series weaves together the wonders of the created world and a biblical worldview. The curriculum provides hands-on experiments and exciting projects. Posters, overhead transparencies, and blackline masters are provided to enhance the classroom experience.

Unit 1: Life Science
Plants, Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Habitats

Unit 3: Human Body
Sound and Hearing, Sight and Touch, Taste and Smell

Unit 2: Physical Science
Energy, Light, Heat

Unit 4: Earth Science
Weather, Ocean

Other Courses

Art

Music

Foreign Language – Arabic or Spanish
PE
Library

Other Activities

Fieldtrips (varies year to year)

Sully Plantation

Cox Farms

Theatre Works

Skate n Fun

Events

100 Day Celebration

Cowboy Day

Holiday parties

Extra Curricular Activities Offered

Science Club

Dance and Creative Movement

Music Lessons

Drama

Spelling Bee