

Second Grade Overview

First Semester

Second Semester

Language Arts

- Independent reading
- Writing short paragraphs
- Consonant blends and word families
- Poetry

- Fables and other classic stories
- Summarizing stories
- Descriptive writing
- Memorization and recitation
- Sight words

- Animal stories and fables
- Dramatic storytelling
- Independent reading
- Summarizing stories
- Vowel combinations

- Vowel/consonant combinations
- Creative writing
- Comparison writing

Social Studies

HISTORY

- Folklore of Ancient China
- Ancient Mali and Sundiata
- Ancient Celts
- Family customs and traditions

GEOGRAPHY

- Cardinal and ordinal directions
- Map reading and using a globe
- Climate regions
- Continents and oceans

ECONOMICS

- Natural, human, and capital resources
- Money and economic transactions
- Scarcity and abundance

CIVICS

- Kindness and reciprocity
- Honesty and tall tales
- Qualities of good leadership

Science

- Animal observation and research
- Charting data
- Interdependence in nature

- Sorting and classifying
- Animal habits and habitats

- Vertebrates and invertebrates
- Warm and cold-blooded animals
- Food chain

- Carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores
- Animal behavior and communication
- Animal classification
- Life of a frog

Math

- Four processes
- Vertical and horizontal equations
- Missing numbers
- Writing numbers in expanded forms
- Carrying in addition

- Place value
- Number patterns
- Form drawing
- Mental math

- Times table up to 12
- Borrowing in subtraction
- Greater than / less than

- Number bonds to 20
- Multistep problems
- Multistep mental math

Art

Students explore color through watercolor painting and crayon drawing as they illustrate the many stories and poems presented in language arts.

Music

Students continue to develop their recorder playing skills by learning several new notes and mastering simple songs. Focus on breath control, tonality, and technique help enhance the student's musical abilities.

Crafts

Students engage in various hands-on activities that help develop fine-motor coordination and focus. Highlights include crocheting a scarf, working with clay, and completing crafts from Oak Meadow's *Crafts for Early Grades*.

Health

The book *Healthy Living from the Start* provides the basis for a yearlong health course. Families explore topics relevant to their child's growth and development including nutrition, the growing body, hygiene, community, emotions, and safety.