

Welcome to WCCA's Second Grade!

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Our Overall Goal -

Second graders are enthusiastic and curious about their world! Their reading skills dramatically improve, as they become independent readers. Small motor skills are refined. Desiring structure, they function best in an orderly classroom with predictable procedures.

Specifically, the Academy's second-grade curriculum goals are to promote reading independence, strengthen mathematical problem-solving skills, introduce cursive writing, develop critical thinking skills, and instill Christian character traits that are "others centered."

Curriculum Basics

Our ACSI **Bible** curriculum emphasizes God's love, protection, and power, and builds personal character traits through the study of Bible heroes. Students discover God's love and divine purpose in all things yesterday, today, and forever. Our goal is that students evidence Christ-likeness in classroom behavior and develop a personal relationship with God. In addition, students learn to meet problems through the use of principles from the **Young Peacemakers** curriculum including the 5 A's of conflict resolution. Spiritual growth is further strengthened during a weekly chapel time.

Imagine It!, WCCA's comprehensive **Reading and Language Arts** curriculum from SRA/McGraw-Hill, represents a substantial investment in providing the best for our students. This proven, research-based curriculum integrates spelling, grammar, reading, and writing into one cohesive program, with a strong emphasis on phonemic awareness, intentional phonics instruction, fluency, vocabulary, text comprehension, and writing strategies. Designed to meet the needs of students of varying abilities, the program engages all learners with high-interest literature, hands-on activities, cross-curricular connections, and critical thinking skills.

Using the A Beka **Math** program, students master addition and subtraction of whole numbers, including borrowing and carrying, and develop skills to solve word problems. They are also introduced to the use of linear measurement, fractions and become acquainted with the concepts of simple geometry. Students begin multiplication and division.

The ACSI **Science** curriculum teaches God's purpose in the design of His creation. Students explore the physical, life, and earth sciences through a variety of hands-on activities, investigations and engaging curriculum.

The second grade A Beka **Social Studies** curriculum focuses on God's hand in our country's history. Students learn the meanings of our patriotic holidays and songs, and study the lives of the Pilgrims, Native peoples, settlers, and immigrants who have made our nation the strong and diverse entity it is today.

Believing the development of one's whole self includes physical activity, creativity, and musical understanding and expression, our curriculum includes weekly, age-appropriate instruction in **physical education, art, and music**. Our music program includes opportunities for students to perform in an annual Christmas chapel and Spring Concert.

Students learn basic **library** skills, including an introduction to the Dewey Decimal System, library organization, and dictionaries, in our library. In addition, second graders develop their **computer** skills in our computer lab by learning basic keyboarding functions and building upon classroom instruction through math and language software.

Second graders take at least three off-campus field trips throughout the year to such locations as the Lawrence Hall of Science, Jelly Belly Factory, and San Francisco's Exploratorium. These educational trips expand classroom learning through real life experiences.

WCCA Sample Second Grade Schedule

Quote from parent...

“We have been so pleased to see the skills and knowledge our daughter acquired in previous grades being solidly cemented together, reinforced, and then expanded to the second grade level by use of all five senses during learning activities—this all based on a biblical foundation. Our daughter said, “It’s fun and serious.”

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8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Daily

Attendance/Pledges/Prayer/Daily Starter
Phonics
One 15-minute Recess
Bible
Reading and Language Arts
Math

11:15 a.m. to Noon Daily

Lunch and Recess

Noon to 2:50 p.m. Daily

Spelling
Social Studies
Science
One 20-minute Recess
SRA Lab and
Independent reading
P.E. (three times a week)

Once a Week

Chapel
Library
Music
Computer
Art