

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 2

Lower School



Reading

Vocabulary acquisition and complex comprehension

Curriculum: Spalding, phonics, reading strategies in a workshop approach, Freckle, SRA, literature circles

Strategies: Predicting, visualizing, main idea, summarizing, cause and effect

Individualized Approach:

Students may be working at grade level or above.

Math

Curriculum: Saxon and supplementary resources

Typical Level: Math 2
Advanced Levels: Math 3 or Math 5/4

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level for his/her current ability.

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based science program

Content: Wetlands; forests; weather/water cycle; solar system; body systems: respiratory, circulatory, muscular, skeletal, nervous, digestive

History

Curriculum: The Story of the World Vol. 1: Ancient Times

Content: Early Egyptians, Mesopotamia, Assyria, Babylon, ancient Africa, ancient China, ancient India, ancient Greece, ancient Rome

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

Content: Personal narrative, information writing, opinion writing, poetry writing, editing, publishing

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

Content: Plural and common nouns; verbs; adjectives; adverbs; prepositional phrases and possessive pronouns

Bible

Curriculum: Children's Adventure Bible

Bible characters and stories from the Old Testament including Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Daniel, Isaiah; memorizing Old Testament books of the Bible

Specialists

Computer Programming
Art
Physical Education
Spanish
Music
Science Lab
Library

Field Trips

Mercer Slough Wetlands
Woodland Park Zoo
Planetarium
Archaeologist Box
Weather Station

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Big/Little Reading Buddies
Puppet Show
Christmas at Bear Creek
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration