

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

# GRADE 2

### Lower School



## Reading

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Vocabulary acquisition and complex comprehension

**Curriculum:** Spalding, SRA, McCall Crabbs, phonics word work, literature circle

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

**Individualized Approach:**  
*Students may be working at grade level or above.*

## Math

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**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

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**Curriculum:** Lab-based Science Program

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

## History

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**Curriculum:** Story of the World, Ancient Times

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

## Writing

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**Curriculum:** Writers Workshop

**Content:** Personal narrative, informational writing, opinion writing, poetry writing, editing and publishing

## Grammar

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**Curriculum:** Shurley Grammar

**Content:** Plural and common nouns; adjectives; dverbs; prepositional phrases, possessive pronouns, verbs and helping verbs

## Bible

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**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

## Specialists

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Computer Programming  
Art  
Physical Education  
Spanish  
Music  
Science Lab  
Library: Information Literacy

## Field Trips

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Mercer Slough Wetlands  
Woodland Park Zoo  
Willard Smith Planetarium at the Pacific Science Center  
SecondStory Repertory  
Pied Piper Village Theater  
Seattle Children's Theater

## Highlights

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Innovation Lab  
Art Docent  
Big/Little Buddies  
Puppet Show  
Christmas at Bear Creek  
Mothers Tea  
Authors & Artists