

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 2

Lower School



Reading

Vocabulary acquisition and complex comprehension

Curriculum: Spalding, phonics, reading strategies in a workshop approach, Freckle, SRA, book club

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

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

Literacy in the Library: Weekly students have dedicated literacy instruction time to check out books, grow their literacy skills and passion for reading and research.

Math

Curriculum: Saxon, MathFactLab and supplementary resources

Individualized Placement:
Typical Level: Math 2
Advanced Levels: Math 3, Math 4 or Math 5

Each student is assessed and placed at the best learning level

Writing

Curriculum: Writing strategies in a workshop approach

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

Science

Curriculum: Lab-based science program

Content: Life-cycle of mealworms, wetlands, forests, weather, planets, body systems

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

Grammar

Curriculum: Shurley Grammar

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

Bible

Curriculum: NIV 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

Art
Lab Science
Language
Music
Physical Education
Programming & Math
Foundations

Field Trips

Mercer Slough Wetlands
Woodland Park Zoo
Planetarium
Archaeologist Box
Shadow Puppet in-house

Highlights

Innovation Lab
Reading Buddies
Puppet Show
Christmas at Bear Creek
Dads 'n Donuts
Mothers Tea
Evening of Artists
Authors Celebration