

At Cape Henry Collegiate, our students benefit from high-quality instruction that fosters academic confidence and the social-emotional support needed to become increasingly independent, self-directed learners. Our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to support the whole child while fostering creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and an enthusiasm for learning.

WHAT MAKES GRADE 2 DISTINCTIVE?

In 2nd grade, students bridge the transition from learning foundational skills to applying them with greater independence. Students begin to take ownership of their learning by questioning, solving problems, conducting research and sharing their thinking through writing, discussion and presentations. Teachers intentionally nurture confidence while helping students develop the habits of successful, self-directed learners.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A GRADE 2 CLASSROOM?

- Engaging, inquiry-based lessons that spark curiosity and encourage students to ask questions, explore ideas and make meaningful discoveries.
- Collaborative learning experiences that strengthen communication skills.
- Hands-on learning that integrates science, technology, engineering, the arts and real-world problem-solving across subjects.
- Rich reading, writing and discussion experiences that build vocabulary and strong communication skills.
- A supportive classroom community where students are encouraged to persevere, take academic risks and develop the habits of successful learners.

A GRADE 2 STUDENT WILL...

- Read increasingly complex texts with greater fluency and comprehension.
- Write narrative, informational, opinion and literary pieces for authentic purposes.
- Develop fluency with multi-digit addition and subtraction while exploring multiplication, division, fractions and mathematical problem solving.
- Design, code and solve challenges using block coding while exploring foundational robotics concepts.
- Investigate scientific questions through observation, experimentation and the engineering design process.
- Develop a deeper understanding of South America's geography, cultures, ecosystems and history.
- Share learning with growing confidence through presentations, discussions and collaborative projects.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GRADE 2 CURRICULUM

Language Arts

Students strengthen foundational phonics skills while building reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and writing across multiple genres. Rich literature, meaningful discussion and evidence-based thinking help students become increasingly confident readers, writers and communicators.

Mathematics

Students build fluency with multi-digit addition and subtraction to 1,000 while exploring multiplication, division, fractions, geometry, data analysis, bar modeling and mathematical reasoning through authentic problem-solving experiences.

Science and Innovation

Students explore Earth's geology, biodiversity and ecosystems through hands-on scientific inquiry. They apply the engineering design process and develop computational thinking through block coding and introductory robotics.

Social and Global Studies

Students explore the geography, cultures and diverse regions of South America while learning about economics, the three branches of government, and influential Americans who shaped civil rights. Creative projects and interdisciplinary experiences deepen their understanding of the world and their role as informed citizens.

Second grade is a year of meaningful growth as students strengthen foundational skills, develop increasing independence and build the confidence needed for success in the upper elementary years. By the end of 2nd grade, students have developed strong academic foundations and the independence and confidence to apply their learning in meaningful ways. They leave the year prepared for the increased responsibility, challenges and opportunities that await them in 3rd grade.