

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Course Overview**

### **Bible**

Studies this year concentrate on Old Testament stories of bold leaders and how their faith is played out in their actions. Students become aware of how their lives (the Patriarchs' lives and their own lives) lived for God result in shaping believers' lives to yield fruit, experience joy, and realize the love of God. Weekly scripture memorization is also an important part of our Bible curriculum.

### **Language**

Students learn proper sentence structure as well as grammar, including correct usage of nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, capital letters, and proper punctuation. They will use a dictionary to extend their vocabulary and understand how a word is used in a sentence, explore idioms, divide words into syllables, learn correct pronunciation, and extend their understanding of phonics.

### **Spelling**

Our Spelling program is effective because it introduces weekly lists of words that are related because of sounds or rules or patterns, which the student then learns to apply when challenged by an unfamiliar word. Students are tested weekly on the lists, as well as being required to write sentences that are dictated, using a combination of words learned in the past and words that have been learned that week.

### **Science**

Students' faith is supported when they learn of God's orderly plan of creation and support for His creation in the physical realm. We explore: plants, vertebrates, invertebrates, habitats with an emphasis on conservation, energy, insulation, light and color, weather, ocean, sound and hearing, sight and touch, and taste and smell.

## **Social Studies/History/Maps**

Our program not only explains the people, culture, and events during various times in our country, and information about the formation of our country, but also offers a study of maps and how to read and understand them. The students also learn the origin of patriotic holidays and some of the individuals who played an important part in influencing our country.

## **Math**

Students explore various levels of concepts including counting, place value, addition and subtraction, reading numbers, problem solving, geometry, logical thinking, money, graphs, calendar, time, thermometers, Roman numerals, multiplication, division, and fractions.

## **Reading**

Our second grade curriculum incorporates many comprehensive strategies for achieving successful reading skills, including vocabulary builders, phonics, spelling, comprehension, predicting, experience building, and grammar instruction. It contains stories using many varied genres to enrich and enlighten young minds and develop critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students use a classroom reading book as well as a reading and writing workbook, and are given comprehension, vocabulary, and phonics and/or spelling tests weekly.

## **Writing/Handwriting**

Writing is a part of the curriculum in Language, Spelling, and Reading and is also done under teacher assignments. It basically covers various processes such as personal narratives, directions, comparing and contrasting, descriptions, letter writing, and research reports. For handwriting, we begin the year reviewing print, and complete it with cursive.