

## **Second Grade**

Second Graders experience a curriculum program with a heavy emphasis on Reading comprehension and the Writing process. Problem solving and higher order thinking skills are cultivated through hands-on learning and group work. Traditional letter grades are given in the second semester. Standardized testing begins in Second Grade.

### **Curriculum**

Language Arts and Reading:

The Open Court Reading Series enhances students' reading fluency while giving them the skills necessary for Reading comprehension. The five-step writing process is practiced through sentence writing, paragraph development, personal response papers and a research paper. They also have opportunities to present their research findings in front of an audience.

Math:

Second Grade students practice Math skills using Math in Focus, Daily Oral Math and Accelerated Math. Math computation, time, money, geometry and word problems are important foundational skills which are developed in Second Grade Math. Students also get to reach ahead and begin multiplication facts.

Science and Social Studies:

The Science Studies weekly curriculum exposes students to a wide variety of hands-on Science activities that they can relate to everyday life. Our Weekly Reader current events issue introduces students to our interesting and diverse world.

The Second Grade incorporates School-wide and grade specific fieldtrips for curriculum enhancement.