

WEST COVINA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2nd GRADE

CURRICULUM GOALS & INFORMATION SHEET

LANGUAGE ARTS: HOUGHTON-MIFFLIN CURRICULUM

Writing complete sentences

Capitalization and punctuation

Suffixes, prefixes syllables

Compound words, rhyming words, opposites, synonyms

- These, and other elements will be taught in the context of the Language Arts lessons, and there will be considerable carry-over into the children's own efforts to express themselves on paper.
- Spelling tests
- Introduction of cursive writing.

READING: HOUGHTON-MIFFLIN CURRICULUM

- Most of the Second Graders have a very good grasp on phonetic decoding of words and sentences. This will be continued, with added emphasis on comprehension skills, including:
 - Drawing conclusions
 - Predicting outcomes
 - Recognizing cause and effect
 - Drawing out the main idea
 - Context clues
- Our readers are literature-based (with *real* stories that have been published as separate books) and should lead to an increased love for reading.
- In addition, we have purchased some supplementary books for independent reading as well as class sets of several useful volumes.
- We visit the school library as well.

MATH: SAXON MATH PROGRAM

- Extensive use of manipulatives to strengthen the foundation for understanding.
- Math curriculum employs five instruction components:
 - The Meeting: Practicing skills relating to calendar, counting, patterning, mental computation, temperature, time, money, graphing, writing of numbers, fact families, place value and problem solving
 - The Lesson: New objectives, or increments, are introduced through carefully selected activities.

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- **Written Practice:** Side A is completed in class together and is discussed and reviewed. Side B is homework and mirrors Side A.
- **Number Fact Practice:** Recall of number facts is encouraged through the use of pattern recognition.
- **Assessments:** Oral and cumulative written assessments are built into the program.

SCIENCE: A-BEKA

- Many hands on experiences and direct observations of God's world.
 - Life cycles: butterflies and chicks, ; Magnets unit; Plant unit
- Examine God's creation through sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell.
- Enjoying God's World Science Reader

SOCIAL STUDIES: A-ABEKA

- Emphasize major Holidays: Lincoln, Washington, Martin Luther King (Black history month), Chinese New Year, etc.
- Our America History / Geography Reader

BIBLE: POSTIVE ACTION FOR CHRIST

- Theme is "The God of Freedom." A study of how God frees His people in the book of Exodus and Creation.
- A study of Jesus' life here on earth reveals who He is, and why He came.
- Weekly memory verses
- Bible Quiz on Fridays

SPECIAL SUBJECTS OR PROJECTS:

- Animal Research Paper
- Lighthouse Project
- Plant Project

FIELD TRIPS AND/OR SPECIAL TRIPS: (Can change year to year)

- L.A. Zoo trip with 5th Grade *study buddies*
- Riley's Apple Farm
- Cabrillo tidepools, aquarium, and Lighthouse (*with 5th grade study buddies*)
- Nature Hike