

2nd Grade Curriculum

Spelling—students will learn 10 new words each week. This list will include four words that your child has chosen from the sight words that he/she has not yet mastered (I will determine this with a pretest), four words that your child has chosen from a list that follows a specific phonics skill, and two challenge words (usually words that break the ‘rules’ of the phonics skill). This creates a list of 10 spelling words for your child to practice and master each week. The study sheet will be in the folder every Monday night with the test on Friday. Your child will need to practice the words at home each night and I will include some ideas to help you get started.

Reading—students will participate in guided reading where they will be receiving reading instruction at their individual reading level. Students will also be placed in small groups based on reading skill needs and the class will have lessons as a whole group that focus on reading comprehension and nonfiction reading during the school year. In addition, Dakota Valley will continue with our Response to Intervention efforts to help accelerate the learning students. Students will also be able to participate in an incentive reading program each quarter.

Writing—students have numerous opportunities to write in second grade. We will focus on the writing process and also the 6-traits of writing (ideas, organization, voice, sentence fluency, word choice, and conventions) during writer’s workshop. Students will also be asked to write about their learning to further cement new ideas and also to generate questions/ inquiries about new learning. Finally, students will do a ‘theme’ writing every month as part of a bulletin board display.

Math—this year we will begin teaching the new Common Core State Standards and in doing so, your child will be challenged to learn about and view math in a new way. We will have daily number sense activities and calendar to help the students master the math application topics (money, time, calendar, etc.). Our daily math lessons will focus on the big ideas of math (problem solving, algebra and operations, measurement and geometry, and number sense). There will also be time each week for students to meet with me one on one or in a small group to help master the topics that have been taught.

Science & Social Studies—this year, your child will get an opportunity to learn about, study, experiment, and explore several different topics in the science and social studies subject areas. These learning opportunities will tie into our reading and language arts units each week. More information on areas of study will come in the newsletter as the school year progresses.