

2nd Grade Curriculum

Word Work—students will be learning word patterns and spelling using the Words Their Way program. In this program, the students will be placed into groups based on skills they have already mastered or skills they are missing. Word Work will run based on a cycle of days, NOT Monday through Friday. At the start of each new cycle, I will send home a note and a list of words informing you what your child is practicing.

Reading—students will participate in guided reading where they will be receiving reading instruction at their individual reading level. The class will have lessons as a whole group that focus on reading comprehension, vocabulary, and nonfiction reading during the school year. In addition, Dakota Valley will continue with our Response to Intervention efforts to help accelerate the learning of students.

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.