

1st and 2nd Grade Focus

English

Literature based and chapter book based. Students receive instruction on character setting and plot development. Independent reading is developed and promoted.

Language Skills

Identify and use of parts of speech, as well as identifying past, present, and future, and patterns and rules.

Writing Development

Students will develop poetry and creative writing, story building, report writing, research writing, and letter writing skills. In all writing activities, editing techniques will be reinforced. Students will utilize prewriting activities, journaling, and other skill builders. Students in both grades will also work on handwriting skills, including introduction to cursive writing. Spelling is based upon vocabulary word lists and language patterns.

Science

Students will experience the tenants of the Scientific Process through experimentation and will work to develop their powers of Observation. Students will develop skills in a variety of areas, including taking and using appropriate measurement and conversion. Topics that will be covered include: Magnetism, States of Matter, Changes and Life Cycles, Habitats and Environments (Biomes), Weather and it's Effects on Living Things and on the Earth, Plants as Producers and proper lab writing techniques. Students will also explore science through individual Science Projects

Social Studies

1st grade

Students will explore aspects of the following: Historical Sequencing, Time Lines, World History Overview, Geography, Economics, Producers and Consumers, Commerce, Recognizing National Symbols

2nd grade

In 2nd grade, students will build upon the 1st grade objectives and continue with Ancient Cultures of China and Egypt, Map Skills, Legends, Elements of Commerce in early and ancient cultures, Individual Contributions to Our Country, Explorers, World Leaders and Inventors, Artists and Writers, Military Masterminds, Great Teachers

Math

1st grade

Students will explore math principles using manipulatives in such topics as Addition, Subtraction, Place Value, Comparison, Patterns, Standard and Non-standard Measurement, Estimation, Money, Time, Geometry, Reading and Making Charts and Graphs, Problem Solving,

2nd grade

In addition to the 1st grade objectives, student will also explore Number Comparison, Simple fractions, Patterned Counting, Estimation, Computation, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Problem Solving, Measurement, Geometry, Interpreting Charts and Graphs, Numeric Sentences with Variables

Health and P.E.

Students will continue to develop practices in Healthy Living, Healthy Eating, Personal Care, Disease Prevention, Managing Stress, Exercise, and Cardiovascular Fitness as is developmentally appropriate. Students will also continue to explore Substance Abuse and the Effects on the Body. Socially, students will learn Conflict Resolution skills and develop stronger Interpersonal Skills, as well as adopt Physical Activities and Exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle. Within the classroom, students will take part in Rhythmic Movement and develop skills for different muscular and movement activities.

Music and Arts

Students will be introduced to many objectives in music and art and will continue to explore these areas through out their academic career. They will be asked to sing in tune and with clear tone quality, participate in group singing, learn the basics of music reading, participate in rhythmic dance, study a variety of folk dance and/or choreography, experience different types of creative percussion, identify different instrumental music groups, identify instruments from other cultures, identify different parts on sheet music, and study musical history periods and composers.

In art, students will explore hue, line, shape, shades, texture, space, value, and perspective to create work. They will also reproduce artwork from a historical time period. Students will be called to create their own expressions through artwork in different media. Media can include: Computer art, three-dimensional art, line Art, bas-relief, and many more. Students will use art and architecture to compare cultural differences in societies, and look for the influence of events, media and subject matter in work. Cultural areas of study will include Pre-Columbian, African-American, Colonial American and European art. Student will learn to discuss likes and dislikes concerning a piece of artwork; categorize work by media, subject, artist and genre; and categorize art pieces according to representational work, nonrepresentational work and abstract work.

Homework

1 to 2 subjects each night: about 20 mins. To 1 hour total. Weekends are used only for long-term projects. Homework is used for repetitive practice for skills introduced in class, projects and activities that may need parental supervision or involvement, writing papers, research, reading and other activities.