

## **Academics | The Day in the Life of Second Grade**

**Chapel:** Every Wednesday, elementary students meet for a time of worship. Students sing worship songs and listen to a short message from God's Word. Once a month during chapel, students are recognized for character traits. Elementary classes focus on two character traits a month. Teachers recognize students whose behavior has shown evidence of the monthly character traits.

**Bible:** Lessons focus on character traits of people in the Bible who showed valor, with application to daily life. Weekly memory verses are taught for the students to memorize that are related to the weekly bible lesson.

**Prayer:** Students pray daily. They are taught to pray by offering praise and thanksgiving, as well as praying for their needs and the needs of others.

**Reading Concepts:** Fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, high frequency words, genre, phonics, and sequencing.

**Accelerated Reader:** AR is a reading enrichment program which provides the opportunity for students to be assessed on reading and comprehension skills.

**English Concepts:** Grammar, Poetry and Speech Meet

**Writing Technique:** Expository, personal narrative, Author's Illustrators, How-To, weekly journals.

**Spelling:** Weekly word lists that integrate phonics skills and theme words.

**Math:** Addition and subtraction, simple multiplication and fractions, money, time, geometric shapes, problem solving, place value, measurement, graphs, estimation, and mental math.

**Social Studies:** Geography/map skills/landforms, US landmarks/symbols, economics, recycling, citizenship, community, Native Americans, Mayflower, Colonists.

**Science Concepts:** Habitats, rock and minerals, nutrition, types of weather, water cycle, plants, moon, and constellations ocean habitats, Science Fair (alternating each year).

**Specials:** Every school day, students will attend at least one of the following: physical education, music, art, computer, library, Impact Education or Spanish.

**Impact Education:** Second graders make pretend passports to "travel" to global destinations. They learn about world cultures, religious beliefs, and personal stories of a child from each country. The focus of the learning experience is that God created all people groups and He loves each and every one of them.

**Lunch:** Summit has a full-service cafeteria where elementary students may either bring their lunch or purchase a hot lunch that is prepared on-site.

**Recess:** 30 minutes a day.

**Special Events:** Reader's Theater and historical character museum

**Service Project:** Through SCA's Summit Serves program, students serve the community for a day by doing one of various projects throughout the community. Every year during the Christmas season, elementary students participate in a service project that helps meet the needs of other people groups. Some examples of past projects are: collecting blankets for a village in Afghanistan, making care bags for the homeless, and collecting gift cards for local families in crisis.