



FREEDOM PROJECT ACADEMY

2nd Grade Course Syllabus:

The 2nd-grade curriculum at FPA is designed to enhance students' fluency in reading while also reinforcing their prior understanding of phonics and writing. Through an in-depth exploration of phonograms and spelling rules, students gain a solid understanding of the phonetic code and develop automaticity, laying a strong foundation for reading. Our curriculum emphasizes classical literature, presenting students with challenging vocabulary, captivating storylines, and ample opportunities for classroom practice to enhance fluency. Students build on their foundational skills in arithmetic, developing strong automaticity in fact knowledge.

Arithmetic:

Students strengthen foundational skills in recognizing numbers, working out addition and subtraction, and mastering concepts like skip counting, ordinal numbers, and comparing numbers. Addition and subtraction with carrying and borrowing are practiced with three digits. In addition, students are exposed to more advanced skills including column addition, multiplication, geometric shapes, simple fractions, word problems, and column addition.

Reading:

Students gain practice in reading with literature-based books, rich in vocabulary. They are challenged to think, compare, and contrast. Class time consists of reading, comprehension, and enrichment activities using our literature study guides. Literature study includes composition, vocabulary, discussion questions, phonics development, sequencing, literary terms, dictation, and grammar.

Phonics:

Students review and build on previous skills mastered with the addition of 'schwa' and homonyms. An integrated approach incorporates listening, writing, reading, and language skills to ensure that phonetic skills are not taught in isolation and students develop automaticity.

English:

Students are taught the concept of a sentence as the expression of a complete thought. Basic concepts of nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives are studied as well as an introduction to paragraph writing. Additional instruction includes alphabetical order and basic dictionary skills.

Spelling:

Students combine spelling with phonics, writing, and other language arts skills. They have opportunities for auditory, tactile, and visual learning through various weekly activities.

Latin:

In 2nd Grade students are introduced to Latin with a clear and structured program. Both English and Latin grammar concepts, vocabulary, phrases, prayers, hymns, and constellations are covered as well as parts of speech, tenses, 125 vocabulary words, and numbers. Each lesson includes grammar skills, five vocabulary words, a Latin phrase, and a line of prayer to memorize.

Handwriting:

Students continue to learn proper letter formation and have an opportunity to practice those letters while writing verses from Scripture. During the second semester, students transition to cursive handwriting, using smaller line spaces.

History:

Our history curriculum brings to life the people, discoveries, conflicts, and events that have shaped human history. Students learn about ancient Egypt, Jewish history, Greece, Rome, and Christianity, supported by activities and maps to deepen their understanding.

Science:

In this God-honoring study of birds, your child learns about the glorious design and characteristics of flying creatures, including physical characteristics, nesting habits, flight patterns, and more! Your children will learn how to attract various bird species to your yard and identify them by looking at their unique physical characteristics, diverse construction of nests, and interesting domestic practices.

Text/Required Materials:

McGuffey's Second Eclectic Reader (free access)
Little House in the Big Woods Guide
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Mr. Popper's Penguins Guide
Mr. Popper's Penguins Book
The Courage of Sarah Noble Guide
The Courage of Sarah Noble Book
Tales from Beatrix Potter Guide
Tale of Peter Rabbit
Tale of Benjamin Bunny
Tale of Tom Kitten
Tale of Johnny Town-Mouse
SRA Phonics 3
A Reason for Handwriting Level T
Apologia Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the 5th Day Student Text
Zoology 1 Junior Notebooking Journal
Story of the World Volume 2 Text
Prima Latina Student Text
FPA 2nd Grade Arithmetic Workbook
Rod & Staff Preparing To Build 2 Text

Grading:

Assignments uploaded and submitted into Canvas will be graded as well as any Canvas quizzes. Reading checks are highlighted in yellow and are assigned the same day they are due.

All assignments must be completed by Friday, at 10:59 pm Central Time. However, students in 2nd Grade are granted a one-day grace period.

Attendance/Participation:

Students should attend class Monday-Thursday and are expected to actively participate and engage during class time to benefit from direct instruction by the teacher. Please notify the teacher in advance (if possible) of any absences. For extended absences such as a vacation, please notify FPA administration.

Expectations/Guidelines:

Assignment sheets will be posted by noon Central Time every Friday for the upcoming week. These schedules will include all assignments (Monday-Friday) required for each subject during that week. Teachers will provide feedback and parents are encouraged to review the graded assignments with the student to facilitate learning from any errors made. This approach to partnership with parents, fosters independent learning and growth, instilling confidence in our students.