Second Grade at Harvest Christian Academy- Lantana

Growing in Wisdom, Faith, and Purpose

At Harvest Christian Academy, second grade is about more than mastering academic skills. We provide a **kingdom-centered education that nurtures the whole child—mind, heart, character, and creativity.** As students grow in confidence and independence, they are challenged to think more deeply, ask meaningful questions, solve problems, and take greater responsibility for their learning. Through engaging instruction, hands-on discovery, meaningful relationships, and biblical truth, students build a strong foundation for lifelong learning and a life of purpose.

Biblical Education

Second grade focuses on the heroes of the Bible and the character traits they demonstrate through their faith and actions. Students explore the lives of key biblical figures, learning how their choices reflect qualities such as courage, obedience, faithfulness, perseverance, humility, and kindness. Through Scripture, discussion, and practical application, students discover how God worked through ordinary people to accomplish His purposes. They are encouraged to recognize these character traits in their own lives and learn how to honor God through their choices, relationships, and actions.

Language Arts

Students strengthen their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills as they engage with a wider variety of texts and communicate their ideas with greater detail and clarity. They learn to identify main ideas, make predictions and inferences, recognize story elements, and support their thinking with evidence from what they read. Students explore different types of literature, including fables, folktales, poetry, drama, and informational texts. They also develop their writing through personal narratives, poems, reports, step-by-step instructions, letters, and other forms of communication. Through discussion, revision, and sharing their work, students grow into thoughtful readers, organized writers, and confident communicators.

Phonics

Students build on their foundational reading skills by learning to decode and spell increasingly complex words. They practice recognizing vowel patterns, consonant blends, silent letters, syllable patterns, compound words, contractions, prefixes, and word endings. Students also develop a stronger understanding of how word parts affect meaning and use spelling patterns to

read and write unfamiliar words. As their fluency grows, students become more accurate, expressive, and independent readers. They continue developing handwriting skills, including forming and connecting cursive letters.

Handwriting

Students develop legible, consistent handwriting as they practice proper letter formation, spacing, alignment, and overall neatness. They continue strengthening their manuscript skills and building proficiency in cursive writing, learning to form and connect letters with greater accuracy and fluency. As students become more comfortable with handwriting, they learn to communicate their ideas clearly and take pride in presenting their work with care and attention to detail.

Spelling

Students strengthen their spelling skills by learning to recognize patterns in words and apply spelling rules when writing. They practice spelling words with common vowel patterns, consonant combinations, syllables, prefixes, suffixes, contractions, and other word features. Students also learn to recognize relationships between sounds, letters, and word parts, helping them become more confident when spelling unfamiliar words. These skills support stronger reading fluency, clearer written communication, and greater independence as writers.

Math

Students deepen their number sense and learn to use mathematical reasoning to solve increasingly challenging problems. They explore place value and represent, compare, and order numbers up to 1,200. Students strengthen addition and subtraction skills with numbers within 1,000 while beginning to understand multiplication and division through equal groups and sharing. They also investigate fractions, money, time, measurement, area, geometric shapes, graphs, and patterns. Practical activities help students connect math to everyday life as they learn about saving and spending money, making financial decisions, explaining their strategies, and persevering when problems require more than one step.

Science

Students explore the wonder of God's creation through questions, observations, investigations, and hands-on discovery. They investigate the properties of matter and how materials can be changed, explore how pushes and pulls affect motion, and discover how vibrations create sound. They study the Sun and Moon, observe weather patterns, investigate how wind and water shape the land, and learn about severe weather and natural resources. Students also examine ecosystems, food chains, plant structures, pollination, seed dispersal, and animal life cycles. Throughout these experiences, they practice collecting information, recognizing patterns, testing ideas, building models, and explaining what they discover. They also learn about responsible stewardship and ways to care for the world God has entrusted to us.

Social Studies

Students take a closer look at the communities in which they live and the people, events, and ideas that have shaped them. They learn to use maps and globes, identify continents and oceans, locate important places in Texas and the United States, and understand how people interact with their environment. Students explore local history, important historical figures, landmarks, national and state symbols, cultural celebrations, and the roles of community leaders and government. They also investigate how goods are produced, how people earn and manage money, and how technology has changed everyday life. Through these studies, students develop an understanding of citizenship, responsibility, cooperation, and service—and how their choices can contribute to the well-being of others.

Spanish

Students continue building familiarity with the Spanish language and the cultures connected to it. Through age-appropriate instruction, they can expand their vocabulary, practice listening and speaking, and develop confidence using simple expressions in everyday situations. Learning another language encourages curiosity, strengthens communication skills, and helps students appreciate people and cultures beyond their own.

Art

Students develop their creativity and visual expression by experimenting with lines, shapes, colors, textures, forms, and space. They use a variety of materials and techniques to create drawings, paintings, prints, constructions, and sculptures. As they plan and complete original artwork, students practice making choices, solving creative challenges, and expressing their ideas. They also explore artwork from different artists, time periods, and cultures, learning to notice details, explain their preferences, appreciate different perspectives, and respect the creativity of others.

Music

Students grow in musical understanding through singing, movement, listening, rhythm, and playing classroom instruments. They explore rhythmic and melodic patterns, read and create simple musical notation, and learn how changes in tempo and volume shape a musical performance. Students experience music from a variety of styles and cultures while developing their ability to listen carefully, perform with others, and express ideas creatively. These experiences build coordination, confidence, collaboration, and an appreciation for music as a meaningful form of expression and worship.

STEM

Students use curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking to explore problems and design solutions. Through hands-on challenges and age-appropriate technology experiences, they learn to break

problems into steps, recognize patterns, test ideas, and improve their designs. They may collect and represent information, explore simple sequences and coding concepts, or use digital tools to communicate what they have learned. Students are encouraged to work collaboratively, think flexibly, learn from mistakes, and persevere when a solution requires more than one attempt. STEM helps students see themselves as capable problem-solvers who can use their knowledge and creativity to serve others.

Physical Education (PE)

Students continue developing coordination, balance, strength, and fundamental movement skills through structured activities, games, and movement challenges. They practice running, jumping, throwing, catching, dribbling, kicking, and other skills while learning how to move safely and confidently. Students also explore the benefits of regular physical activity, healthy nutrition, hydration, and personal safety. Through individual and group activities, they develop sportsmanship, self-control, cooperation, perseverance, and respect for others while learning that caring for their bodies is an important part of overall well-being.

More Than Academics

At Harvest Christian Academy, we believe a successful second-grade year is measured by more than academic achievement. We want students to grow in knowledge while also developing the character, confidence, independence, and compassion to use that knowledge well.

As students take on greater responsibility, they learn to think through challenges, make thoughtful choices, listen to different perspectives, work through disagreements, and contribute meaningfully to a group. They are encouraged to recognize their God-given value, appreciate the gifts of others, and use their growing abilities to serve their families, school, and community.

Our goal is to partner with families in building a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning, faithful living, and service to Christ. At Harvest Christian Academy, we are committed not only to preparing students for the next grade, but also to nurturing young people who are growing in wisdom, character, and purpose.