



Welcome to 2nd Grade

Hampstead Hill
Academy

2018-2019

Reading Mastery 2+

*The focus of Reading Mastery 2+ is the skill of reading to learn.

*Your child will be exposed to a variety of reading genres including, fantasy, mythology, non-fiction, historical fiction and adventure.

*The program will cover science and social studies topics including, simple machines, geography, timelines, living things, animals and archeology.

*Your child will have regular tests and reading checkouts to assess their oral rate, fluency and comprehension of the material.

Singapore 2 Math

*Singapore math concentrates on number relationships and how they work together.

*We will begin our work with concrete manipulatives then move to pictorial representations and finally develop abstract thinking skills.

*Please know that there are MANY ways to solve a problem and children are encouraged to use the method that works best for them.

*Key focus areas in math will be numbers to 1,000, addition/subtraction, multiplication/division, measurement, money, time, fractions, geometry and tables/graphs.

SLA-2 Language

*The first part of the language program develops critical thinking and organizational skills.

*Reading skills to be developed are deductions, directional words, classification and alphabetizing.

*In the second part of the program, students are taught to write with clarity by identifying the main idea and supporting details.

*The grammar skills taught in the program include parts of speech, punctuation, editing and capitalization.

"No one is perfect — that's why pencils have erasers." -
Author Unknown



Spelling

*The spelling program teaches spelling patterns in words, not rote memorization.

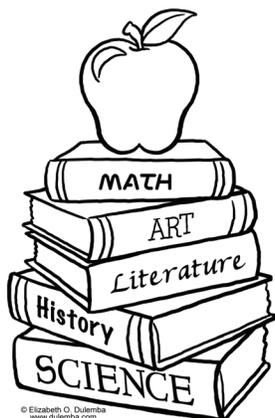
*You will not receive traditional weekly spelling memorization homework.

*The students will be tested regularly on overall spelling mastery.

Core Knowledge

*Topics to be covered in core knowledge this year are fairy tales and tall tales, ancient Greek civilizations, early Asian civilizations, and life cycles.

*Students will have in-class and at-home projects that focus on writing and portfolio pieces.



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Portfolio

*This year we will also be collecting students' work samples throughout the year to show how much progress the students have made in second grade. The portfolios will be given back at the end of the year so that you can see all of the creative and hard work that your child has accomplished.



Field Trips

*We are excited to announce the field trips we anticipate going on this year.

*Each trip will be based on availability and cost.

- *Performance at Goucher College
- *Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.
- *Franklin Institute in Philadelphia
- *Urban Pirates

Attendance

Attendance is not factored into your student's grades, however poor attendance can have a negative effect on his or her ability to succeed in class. All students will have the opportunity to make up a missed assignment within 7 days of their absence. Any assignments not completed past this time frame will be considered incomplete. Special consideration will be taken for extreme circumstances or family emergencies.

Homework

*Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday nights.

*The level of the homework will increase as the students progress in their academic programs.

*Reading, math, and spelling homework will be assigned daily and due the following day.

*Core knowledge and language will be assigned as necessary.

Projects

*We will be conducting 2 project fairs this year.

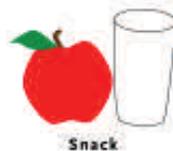
*The first project will be themed "All About Me" and focus on the individual student's life story and personal heritage.

*The second project will be determined at a later date.

*Other small projects will arise throughout the year. Please look for these announcements in your child's folder.

Snack

Due to our later lunch, 2nd graders will be having snack this year. Please make sure that you send your child with a healthy snack in a bag that is clearly labeled. Snacks should be small, easy to open, and easy to eat. We would appreciate any nonperishable donations in case we have students that forget their snack.



Grading

***Reading:** Classwork 30%
Homework 10%
Tests/Checkouts 60%

***Language:** Classwork 35%
Tests 65%

Math: Classwork 30%
Homework 10%
Tests 60%

***Spelling:** Tests 100%

*All projects will count as tests.

*Points will be deducted from any work that is turned in late.

*If your child is absent, he/she is responsible for making up any missing work in a timely manner.

Contact Us

*Please feel free to contact us at anytime about your child's progress in the second grade. We look forward to a successful year of learning together.

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"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation." -
- John F. Kennedy