

ASCENT CLASSICAL A C A D E M I E S

2nd Grade Curriculum Guide

History and Geography

- Ancient India, China, and Greece
- Making the Constitution
- The War of 1812
- Civil Rights Leaders

Mathematics

- Numbers to 1,000
- · Length, weight, and capacity
- Multiplication and division of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10
- Fractions
- Graphs

Science

- · Solids and liquids; properties of matter
- · Life cycles of insects; pollination; seed dispersal
- · Weathering, erosion, bodies of water and landforms
- Electricity and magnetism
- Human cells and digestion

Phonics, Spelling, Reading, and Writing

- Instruction in reading through systematic, explicit phonics
- · Students learn cursive handwriting
- Students learn to read and spell approximately 750 words
- · Students write dictated and original sentences
- Increase in reading fluency through coaching and reading increasingly difficult texts

Art and Music

- Art appreciation; history; fundamentals of art
- Listening and music appreciation; history; theory and notation; performance

Sayings and Phrases

- Two heads are better than one
- Don't judge a book by its cover

Literature

- Stories from China including Mulan, Tikki Tikki Tembo, and more
- Stories from India including How the Camel Got His Hump and more
- D'Aulair'es Book of Greek Myths
- Charlotte's Web
- American Tall Tales including Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, and more
- Little House in the Woods
- Sarah, Plain and Tall
- The Boxcar Children

Poetry

- Bed in Summer
- The Eagle
- Windy Nights
- The Lamplighter
- The Land of Storybooks
- Who Has Seen the Wind?
- Song for a Little House
- Bee! I'm Expecting You!



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