

## Language Arts Curriculum

### Grade Two

Grade two is a period of continued skill development. Decoding skills are reviewed, reinforced and extended. Word recognition and meaning will be assessed and continued when needed. When ready, the children will begin to develop greater reading independence as more emphasis is placed on vocabulary development and comprehension skills. Through 2nd grade language arts and reading, students are beginning to prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Key elements of the language arts program will be problem solving, critical thinking, using traditional reading and writing tools as well as digital age technology.

As in grade one, reading is closely interrelated with all other areas of language arts. At this level, children begin to write simple paragraphs, summaries, letters, poetry, and book reports as well as imaginative literary pieces, poems and group reports. Speaking and listening skills are fostered through discussion and writing opinion pieces. These activities help build skills that enable students to handle content area subjects that emphasize the gathering of facts and information as well. This building block will further the child's ability to think critically and globally.

Language skills introduced in grade one, such as grammar, spelling, and handwriting, continue to be developed and expanded and serve as reinforcements for the reading program. Drama, science, art, music, religious education, and the continued integration of the social studies program with reading, and using computer research, further strengthen the children's control of language and appreciation of literature and their world. Books read aloud to the class daily by the teacher, are also considered to be an important part of the language arts curriculum.

#### Instructional Material

Reading: Basal Program

Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Reading Program-Core Program, 2004

#### Supplementary, Supportive Materials

Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Reading Program, SRA Reading Lab 2c, Individualized Reading, Leap Literature Paperback Series, Explode the Code-(EPS), Scholastic Biographies for Young Children, Weekly, Scholastic News Articles...using the Smart Board.

#### Language Arts

Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary, Modern Curriculum Press Skill Builder, Language for Daily Use, Phoenix Addition, Scholastic News. Merriam-Webster Dictionaries, Words I Use When I Write, My Guide to My Community, Modern Curriculum Modern Learning Press, SRA, Lab 2, Writing and Math. Zaner Bloser Handwriting materials.

Computer- Type to Learn: A Word Processing Program, Journal Story Writing and Illustrating, Using the Smart Board and iPhoto to write text for social studies field trips, Interactive Discovery Materials, Reading, Geography and History are part of the curriculum as seen on the Eno Board.