



AMERICAN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

RUTHERFORD

## SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM

IN SECOND GRADE **LITERACY ESSENTIALS** our students will:

- make daily entries in the orthography notebooks to improve their handwriting
- practice reading for at least 30 minutes each day using McCall-Crabbs readers
- study sentence patterns and practice writing sentences
- learn the parts of speech for spelling words

IN SECOND GRADE **LITERATURE** our students will read or listen to:

- chapter books such as *Charlotte's Web*, *Peter Pan*, and *Sign of the Beaver*
- stories such as "Beauty and the Beast," "How the Camel Got His Hump," and "The Emperor's New Clothes"
- Greek myths such as "Icarus and Daedalus," "The Story of Theseus," and "The Labors of Heracles"
- American tall tales such as "Paul Bunyan," "John Henry," and "Pecos Bill"

IN SECOND GRADE **HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY** our students will:

- identify the geography of the Mediterranean and of the Americas
- identify and explain the rights mentioned in the Declaration of Independence
- describe Ancient Greece and the origins of democracy
- describe the ancient civilizations of India and China
- describe the contributions of Betsy Ross, Clara Barton, Harriet Tubman, and others

IN SECOND GRADE **MATH** our students will:

- measure lengths in centimeters and inches with a ruler and weights in grams and ounces
- identify shapes and patterns such as polygons, semicircles, and curves
- add and subtract, multiply and divide
- compare and order fractions

IN SECOND GRADE **SCIENCE** our students will:

- identify the distinguishing parts of insects: head, thorax, abdomen, legs, wings
- understand the metamorphosis cycles of various insects such as butterflies
- examine how simple machines—lever, pulley, wheel-and-axle—make work easier
- study the human digestive and excretory systems and healthy diets

IN SECOND GRADE **ART** our students will:

- study and recognize famous landscape paintings such as *The Oxbow* and *Virgin Forest*
- become familiar with famous works of Ancient Greek art and architecture
- apply what they learn about the elements of art by creating their own studio art

IN SECOND GRADE **MUSIC** our students will:

- listen to and appreciate the famous works of Vivaldi, Bach, and Beethoven
- learn the instruments of the orchestra by sight and sound
- participate in choir by singing accompanied and unaccompanied, solo and ensemble

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IN SECOND GRADE  
our students read:

*Charlotte's Web*  
"El Parajo Cu"  
"The Magic Paintbrush"  
*Sing of the Beaver*  
"Paul Bunyan"  
"Johnny Appleseed"  
"The Story of Helen of Troy"

IN SECOND GRADE  
our students memorize:

"Bed in Summer"  
"Who Has Seen the Wind?"  
"Lincoln" by Nancy Byrd Turner  
Preamble of the U.S. Constitution

Sayings from Famous American  
Civil War figures:  
Abraham Lincoln  
William Tecumseh Sherman  
Frederick Douglass