

2nd Grade Class Profile

Mrs. Denise Willis

Academic Milestones

- Master addition and subtraction facts quickly
- Two, three, four digit subtraction and addition with re-grouping
- Multiplication and introduction to division
- Intermediate level chapter books
- Cursive writing
- Writing answers to questions in complete sentences
- Writing a full paragraph with complete sentences and quality adverbs and adjectives
- Writing a three paragraph paper

Special Field Trips:

- ACE Garden Center to learn about gardening and plants
- Museum of Science and History (MOSH) – Jacksonville, FL
- Cummer Art Museum – Jacksonville, FL
- Pioneer Day Celebration at a local horse stables - Students dress in pioneer clothes and recreate some of the activities from *The Little House in the Big Woods* novel. Students make butter and play pioneer-era enrichment games. Lunches are packed in pails and students ride horses.
- Egyptian Party – Students make Egyptian crafts, have mummy wrap races, and celebrate the last history lesson with a pyramid cake.
- Tidelands Nature Center – Jekyll Island, GA
- Driftwood Education Center – Epworth – St. Simons Island, GA

Teacher Profile

- Joined the SSCS teaching staff in the fall of 2011
- 11 years teaching experience
- BS – Early Childhood, University of Georgia
- Certified by the Association of Christian Schools International
- Church home – St. Simons Community Church
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Bible

Students review Creation to the exile from Jerusalem. Jesus' life and teachings are studied including the parables and Lord's Prayer. They also study a unit on Christian living based on the Book of James. Students learn memory verses.

Saxon Math

Saxon 3 math curriculum includes mentally solving 1-12 addition, subtraction and multiplication problems, solving word problems with three and four steps, counting money, telling time, introduction to division, etc.

Language Arts

The intensive phonics approach includes phonics workbooks, penmanship and phonics based spelling. Students read literature books such as *The Boxcar Children* and *Little House on the Prairie*. Writing activities are integrated across the curriculum.

Grammar

The Shurley Grammar curriculum emphasizes jingles, chanting and a question and answer flow that helps students to identify parts of speech.

Writing

The writing curriculum includes poetry, creative writing, 1 - 3 paragraph essays, learning to write from an outline, and learning to write from research.

History

The curriculum focuses on Old Testament and Ancient Egyptian history. Students learn about the important people, dates, and events of the time.

Art

Students discover the elements of art as they work on two dimensional and three dimensional projects.

Geography

Curriculum is integrated with history and includes the teaching of various landforms. Students learn about oceans, continents, Georgia and surrounding states, maps, graphs, compass, etc.

Science

The science program presents God's earth and His creation clearly as the students study plants, animals and their habitats, light and energy, the human body, and the ocean.

Music

The music program within the classroom encourages students in their singing and worship.

Physical Education

The physical education program helps students develop their gross motor skills, learn game skills, and grow in their understanding of honoring God in athletic competition.



2nd Grade Literature List

The following is the list of adopted titles used in the Second Grade reading program. (Although certain titles are assigned to specific grades, when necessary, teachers may use titles from the list above or below their grades.) Students will read at least 10 books during the year.

TITLE

Amelia Bedelia
Balto
Biggest Bear, The
Boxcar Children
Courage of Sarah Noble
Dr. DeSoto
Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective
Little House in the Big Woods
Little House on the Prairie
Magic Tree House, Mummies and Pyramids
Magic Tree House, Thanksgiving on Thursday
Make Way for Ducklings
Miss Nelson is Missing
Mouse and the Motorcycle
Mr. Popper's Penguins
Ramona Quimby, Age 8
Runaway Ralph
Surprise Island #2
Tut's Mummy Lost & Found
Ugly Duckling, The

AUTHOR

Parish
Stanford/Cook
Ward
Warner
Dagliesh
Stieg
Sobal
Wilder
Wilder
Osborne
Osborne
McCloskey
Allard
Cleary
Atwater
Cleary
Cleary
Warner
Donnelly
Moore