

Grade Two Overview

Classroom Structure:

At King's, students experience integrated, interdisciplinary classes and labs with engaging, enriching curriculum through differentiated instruction and team teaching.

Specialists: Technology, Spanish, Vocal Music, Health Sciences and Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Library

Student/Teacher ratio: Moderately-sized classes

School Day: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

Morning recess	15 minutes
Lunch/recess	25 minutes/30 minutes
Afternoon recess	15 minutes

Second Grade Distinctive:

King's Kids become confident, self-directed learners ready to solve the real-world challenges set before them. Using technology to research the social sciences, students develop their communication and leadership skills through verbal and written presentations. Through networking with community experts, students experience extended learning beyond the classroom.

Spiritual Life:

- **Bible:** Emphasis is on having a personal relationship with Christ and applying positive attributes of Bible heroes to their lives.
- **Bible Memorization:** Emphasis is on children committing Bible verses to memory that are integrated with current areas of study.
- **KIDS Praise:** Emphasis is on student leadership in a weekly worship environment with exposure to Christian beliefs through guest pastors from the community.
- **KING's KIDS:** Emphasis is on Respect, Cooperation, Empathy and Responsibility.

Academic Life:

Communication

- **Literacy:** Emphasis is on interacting with and developing students' abilities to comprehend texts of varied genres and with increasing complexity, exploring a variety of reading strategies, and inspiring a love for reading.
- **Writing:** Emphasis is on learning the writing traits, developing research skills, and editing/revising.
- **Speaking and Listening:** Emphasis is on meaningful, structured conversations, text-based discussion, collaborative research, and formal presentations.

- **Language:** Emphasis is on using language to acquire and convey meaning effectively, developing academic vocabulary, spelling and grammar skills connected to writing.
- **Library:** Emphasis is on developing familiarity with library procedures, arrangement, parts of a book, recognizing patterns and sequences, and developing a love for books.
- **Spanish:** Emphasis is on developing receptive language skills using music, games, activities, and stories to develop a love for the Spanish language and culture.

STEM

- **Science:** Emphasis is on investigation skills, the study of plants and animals, the study of earth's surface and preservation of natural resources through hands-on, inquiry based strategies.
- **Technology:** Emphasis is on beginning keyboarding, advanced word processing and painting while creating a published illustrated book.
- **Engineering:** Emphasis is on building and programming using class sets of WeDo robotic kits, netbooks and iPads. Students become engineers by designing, constructing, implementing, and systematizing.
- **Mathematics:** Emphasis is on concept and skill development through hands-on instruction and practice. Our focus will be on basic facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), place value (to 1,000), addition and subtraction of three-digit numbers, mental math, and geometry concepts. Model drawing will be used to build success and confidence.

Social Sciences

- **Social Studies:** Emphasis is on the introduction to government structures, map skills, basic economics, and world cultures.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:** Emphasis is on skill development, physical fitness, and the knowledge to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Games and activities are used for integrating physical activity, character building, skill improvement and enjoyment of the active bodies God has given students.
- **Life Skills and Social Responsibility:** Emphasis is on respecting others and treating others the way they would want to be treated. Students learn to stand up to negative behaviors, and have empathy for those who need help.

Fine Arts

- **Art:** Emphasis is on using a variety of art media, developing an appreciation for God's beauty and design, building art literacy, and introducing the works of four masters.
- **Vocal Music:** Emphasis is on participation in group singing, rhythmic activities and engaging musical games; reinforcing musical concepts through story, digital/visual aids, hands-on exploration of percussion instrument, and movement; development of choral and public performance skills; studying music history; and nurturing an appreciation for and enjoyment of various music styles and worship.

Grade Activities:

- **DISCOVERY Friday:** Emphasis is on specialized labs that bring exciting, enriching, inspiring explorations in STEM for students in K-6.
- **Service:** Emphasis is on serving and helping other people; locally, regionally, and globally.

- **Extended Learning Trips:** Children's Theatre, Children's Museum, The Reptile Man, Seattle Aquarium, Pacific Science Center, Center for Wooden Boats, Seattle Tilth.
- **Events:** Fall Parent Information Night, Yellow Dyno Safety, Taproot Theatre Anti-bullying, Christmas and Spring Concerts, KIDS Praise Leadership, Hooray Day, Knights of Honor, Robotics Teams, Experience King's Open House.

Learning Resources:

- **Bible:**
 - Finding God's Promises: Positive Action For Christ.
- **Literacy: Reading Spelling, Writing, Grammar**
 - Journeys: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- **Spanish:**
 - ¡Hola niño's!: K-3 TPRS Curriculum.
- **Science:**
 - Science Grade 2: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Technology:**
 - Technology Education Series by Structured Learning (32 Lessons Every 2nd Grader Can Accomplish On a Computer: Mavis, Edmodo
- **Engineering:**
 - WeDo Robotics Kit, LEGO Education; class sets of netbooks and iPads.
- **Mathematics:**
 - Math in Focus, Singapore Math: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- **Social Science:**
 - People We Know: Harcourt Publishers.
- **Life Skills:**
 - Bully Prevention Unit; Second Step: Committee For Children.
- **Health Sciences and Physical Education:**
 - Dynamic PE for Elementary School Children: Dauer & Pangraz.
 - Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness: NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education).
 - Physical Fitness Games and Activities: Mary Kotnour, Parker Publishing Co.
- **Art:**
 - How Great Thou ART: Jody Coulston.
- **Vocal Music:**
 - Theory Time for Second Grade: Theory Time Partners, Harcourt Foresman
 - Junior Voice Works: by Kevin Stannard, Oxford Univ. Press.
- **Online Reference Tools:**
 - Smartboard Notebook, Discovery Streaming, Worldbook, ProQuest, Culture Grams, Grolier, Think Central, YouTube and more.