

Second Grade

By the time students enter 2nd grade, they are still learning and reviewing phonics skills but are now ready for mastery. They begin by reading small story books and take the leap to reading their very first novel, *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. CCA believes in immersing children in classic pieces of literature every day in order to create a palate for good writing. When students read literature that has passed the test of time written by some of the most respected and loved authors, it ensures reading will become more of a joy than a chore.

Memorization of grammar rules, math facts, spelling, poems, Bible verses, and starting in 2nd grade.....LATIN! Students start to learn beginning Latin vocabulary, grammar, and prayers. Because 2nd graders are in the middle of the grammar stage of learning, it is the perfect time to start learning Latin. Recitation of vocabulary, numbers, and rules will enable their young brains to be able to retain larger and larger amounts of information.

PHONICS/READING/LANGUAGE

- Finish phonics instruction and review
- Continued cursive writing instruction
- Develop visual memory for accurate spelling by the “See, write, read” method
- Learn superlatives (big, bigger, biggest), homophones (knew/new), facts vs. opinions
- Learn author, setting, plot, characters, illustrator
- Parts of speech

RECITATION

- 30 minutes of daily recitation of facts and skills learned
- 111 questions and answers memorized by the end of the year
- Several poems, songs, and prayers
- 150 Latin words and phrases memorized

LITERATURE & ENRICHMENT

- 85+ books with instruction on literature, poetry, art, music, history, culture, and science
- 33 music selections from classical composers and 33 paintings studied each week
- Beginning American history
- Science includes study of nature: plants, animals, weather, and the sun, moon, and stars

ARITHMETIC

- 2- and 3- digit addition and subtraction with carrying
- Timed math drills
- Counting with coins
- Working with fractions
- Converting from cups/pints/quarts/gallons, in/ft/yd

BIBLE

- 33 Bible verses memorized each year
- Finish “The Story Bible” with New Testament stories