



## Enrichment

### Physical Education

Students will develop self-confidence and physical fitness during physical education. Focus will be placed on games and activities that develop small and large motor skills and prepare students for playing sports.

### Music

Students will participate in singing one and two part harmony. They will use class instruments to demonstrate tempos and rhythm. Students will listen to music and identify the instruments used.

### Computer

Through the use of lecture, research, discussion, and participation in collaborative and individual projects students will utilize the paint and draw tools to create a slideshow. They will access Internet sites as directed. They will improve word processing skills through text and graphic manipulation. Students will create a podcast using digital multimedia.

### Reading Counts!

FCS uses the Scholastic Reading Counts program. Students select from a wide variety of books in their assigned reading levels and, after reading the books, take computerized quizzes. In order to make book selection easier, our library books are color-coded to match corresponding reading levels in the Reading Counts program.

### Homework

Homework is a vital part of the learning process. Assignments are designed to extend or reinforce concepts learned in class. Second graders should be reading 15-20 minutes 4-5 nights per week. In addition, they will have 20-30 minutes of written work or studying. If your child is staying focused, but spending extended time completing homework assignments, please contact your child's teacher.

## Research/Projects

### History

Students will research people who have made a difference.

### Science

A variety of hands on projects will be completed in class.

### Field Trips

Selected field trips are scheduled throughout the year to enhance the curriculum and provide enrichment opportunities.

## Additional Programs

### Piano and String Instrument Lessons

Piano and string instrument (violin, viola, and cello) lessons are offered for students in 1st through 8th grade. There are two piano recitals in January and May. Every spring our school also participates in the ACSI Piano Festival.

### ACSI Activities

The Association of Christian Schools International offers opportunities for students to participate in activities with students from other local Christian Schools. Activities include a spelling bee, speech meet, and art festival.

This brochure is designed to give an overview of the curriculum taught at Foothill Christian School. The depth of each subject taught goes far beyond this brief description. For further insight, you may contact your child's teacher.

# Foothill Christian School



## Second Grade Curriculum Overview



FOOTHILL  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Decidedly Academic. Distinctively Christian.

The mission of Foothill Christian School is to provide families with a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education which encourages the development of a personal relationship with God and which instills the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character and service to God and others.



## Language Arts

### Reading

- ✚ Understand the basic features of reading including phonics and syllabication and apply this knowledge to achieve fluent oral and silent reading
- ✚ Read and understand grade-level material drawing upon a variety of comprehension strategies as needed
- ✚ Read and respond to a wide variety of significant works of children's literature; distinguish between the structural features of the text and the literary terms or elements (e.g., theme, plot, setting, characters)

### Writing

- ✚ Write clear, coherent sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea; writing shows they consider the audience and purpose
- ✚ Utilize the writing process including organization, revising, and editing
- ✚ Writing applications: narrative, journaling, friendly letter, and an informative report

### Listening and Speaking

- ✚ Deliver brief recitations and oral presentations demonstrating an age-appropriate command of standard English conventions appropriate to this grade level
- ✚ Speak in a manner that guides the listener to understand important ideas by using proper phrasing, pitch, and modulation

### English Conventions

- ✚ Mechanics: identify and apply the correct rules for grade-level punctuation
- ✚ Grammar: Use nouns, verbs, and descriptive words
- ✚ Sentence Structure: Use simple sentences
- ✚ Identify and use new spelling and vocabulary

## Mathematics

### Number Sense

- ✚ Understand the relationship between numbers, quantities, and place value in whole numbers up to 1,000
- ✚ Estimate, calculate, and solve problems involving addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers
- ✚ Model and solve simple problems involving multiplication and division
- ✚ Understand that fractions and decimals may refer to parts of a set and parts of a whole
- ✚ Model and solve problems by representing, adding, and subtracting amounts of money
- ✚ Use estimation strategies in computation and problem solving that involve numbers that use the ones, tens, hundreds, and thousands places

### Algebra and Functions

- ✚ Model, represent, and interpret number relationships to create and solve problems involving addition and subtraction

### Measurement and Geometry

- ✚ Understand that measurement is accomplished by identifying a unit of measure, repeating that unit, and comparing it to the item to be measured
- ✚ Identify and describe the attributes of common figures in the plane and of common objects in space

### Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability

- ✚ Collect numerical data and record, organize, display, and interpret the data on graphs
- ✚ Demonstrate an understanding of patterns and how they grow; describe them in general ways

### Mathematical Reasoning

- ✚ Make decisions about how to setup problems; solve problems and justify their reasoning

## Science

Students will use hands-on activities to observe how objects move. They will explore the life cycle of plants and animals and discover how rocks, plants, soil, and water provide many resources for human use. Students will use the scientific method to observe and investigate.

## History

Students in grade two explore the lives of actual people who make a difference in their everyday lives and learn the stories of extraordinary people from history whose achievements have touched them, directly or indirectly. They also study contemporary people who supply goods and services.

## Bible

Bible is taught as a separate subject, but is also integrated into all aspects of curriculum and campus life. Through their years at Foothill, the children learn the importance of their Christian walk and the value of serving others. We want all of our students to know the Lord on a personal level so that when they leave Foothill, they will be equipped to live a discerning lifestyle that honors God.

Second grade students will study God as our creator. They will also examine the life of Moses and how he led the Children of Israel from captivity in Egypt.

Second grade is demonstrating FAITH IN ACTION by collecting nickels for "Bucks for Bibles". The money raised will be used to purchase Wycliffe Bibles for people around the world.

The Association of Christian Schools International has recognized the FAITH IN ACTION program at FCS as an exemplary program.