

# Second Grade

By the time a student enters 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 pallet for good writing. If you provide literature that has passed the test of time, written by some of the most respected and loved authors, you will ensure that reading will become more of a joy than a chore.

Spelling, cursive, composition, vocabulary, and math computation lessons continue to grow and stretch their young minds. Memorization of grammar rules, math facts, spelling, poems, Bible verses, and starting in 2nd grade...**LATIN!** Yes, you read that right. Students start to learn beginning Latin vocabulary, grammar, and prayers. With 2nd graders being in the middle of the grammar stage of learning, the stage that is most able to memorize, it is the perfect time to start learning Latin. Your brain is like a muscle; the more reps you do, the stronger it will become. Repeated vocabulary, numbers, and rules will shape their young brains into remembering larger and larger amounts of information.

## Things we learn:

### 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

### 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

### 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 animals

### BIBLE

- Finish "The Story Bible" with New Testament stories
- Memorize 33 Bible verses