

FREEDOMPROJECT ACADEMY SYLLABUS

Course: Second Grade

Course Description

Freedom Project Academy's Second Grade experience is focused on students becoming fluent readers. Language Arts entails phonics, English grammar, novels, and spelling. Our focus on classical literature challenges students with new vocabulary, keeps them engaged with compelling story lines, and builds their fluency with ample practice in the classroom. The SRA Phonics 3 and the Spelling By Sound and Structure complement each other as we deeply study phonograms and spelling rules which build a firm foundation for decoding and spelling.

Topics of Study

Arithmetic:

Text: *Freedom Project Academy Second Grade Arithmetic*

Freedom Project has created a unique arithmetic program for second graders that focuses on computation with traditional algorithms. Many skills are introduced and practiced throughout the year. These include counting, skip counting, ordinal numbers, commutative property, greater than, less than, time, money, place value, temperature, measurement, geometric figures and solids, fractions, word problems, graphs, rounding, perimeter, multiplication, 3 and 4-digit column addition, roman numerals.

Phonics:

Text: *SRA Phonics 3*

Phonics 1 covers letters of the alphabet, consonants, short and long vowels, consonant blends, y sounds, and consonant digraphs. Phonics 2 covers review,

hard/soft c/g, more consonant blends, digraphs and silent consonants, vowels with r, other vowels, compound words, contractions, plurals, word endings, comparing words, prefixes, suffixes, possessives, synonyms/antonyms, dictionary skills. **Phonics 3** covers review and expansion of previous material plus 'schwa' and homonyms. Multisensory instruction utilizes all learning modes and an integrated language approach incorporating listening, writing, reading, and language arts skills ensure that phonics skills are not taught in isolation.

Reading:

Texts: *McGuffey's Second Eclectic Reader*
Little House in the Big Woods
Mr. Popper's Penguins
The Courage of Sarah Noble
Tales from Beatrix Potter
Peter Rabbit; Benjamin Bunny; Tom Kitten; Johnny Town-Mouse

Students will gain practice in reading with these rich literature- based books. They will be challenged to think, compare, and contrast in the study guides. Class time will consist of reading, comprehension, and vocabulary practice. Our literature study includes word study, composition, vocabulary, discussion questions, phonics development, sequencing, literary terms, dictation, and grammar.

English:

Text: *Rod & Staff Preparing to Build 2*

Students will be taught the concept of a sentence as the expression of a complete thought. Basic concepts of nouns, verbs, pronouns, and adjectives are studied. The paragraph is introduced. The supplementary unit teaches alphabetical order and basic dictionary skills.

Spelling:

Text: *Rod & Staff Grade 2 Spelling Workbook*

Scope: initial, final, and medial sounds, blends, long and short vowels, digraphs, variant vowel sounds, different spellings for one sound, double consonants, syllables, plurals, verb forms

Skills Development: Students will combine spelling with phonics, writing, and other language arts skills. They will have opportunities for auditory, tactile, and visual learning.

Latin:

Texts: *Prima Latina*

Prima Latina uses a clear and systematic format to introduce Latin to young students. It teaches important English and Latin grammar concepts, as well as vocabulary, sayings, prayers, hymns, and constellations. 25 lessons cover seven parts of speech, two tenses, 125 vocabulary words, numbers 1 through 10, basic constellations, and introductions to conjugations, declensions and derivatives. The lessons are broken down into grammar skills, five vocabulary words, a practical Latin phrase, and a line of prayer that is completely learned by the end of the chapter. Also included are five review lessons.

Handwriting:

Text: *A Reason for Handwriting Level T*

Scope: size, spacing, alignment, and shape of print and cursive alphabet letters

Skills Development: Students will learn proper letter formation and have an opportunity to practice those letters while writing verses from Scripture. During second semester, the student transitions to cursive handwriting, using smaller line spaces.

History:

Texts: *Story of the World, Volume 2*

The Story of the World series brings to life the people, discoveries, conflicts, and stories that shaped human history, from the ancient era to our own time.

Volume 2 covers the major historical events from the fall of the Rome through the rise of the Renaissance. Illustrated throughout with black-and-white drawings and maps, it also includes a pronunciation guide and chronology.

Science:

Text: *Exploring Creation with Zoology 1: Flying Creatures of the 5th Day*

In this God-honoring study of birds, your child learns about the glorious design and characteristics of flying creatures, including physical characteristics, nesting habits, flight patterns, and more! Your children will learn how to attract various bird species to your yard and identify them by looking at their special physical characteristics, diverse nests, and interesting domestic practices.

Class Expectations:

Attendance/Participation:

Students are expected to attend class Monday-Thursday. Classes are engaging and interactive, not passive. In-class participation is important. Please notify the teacher in advance (if possible) if any classes will be missed.

Assignment Sheets:

Color-coded assignment sheets are posted in advance between Friday-Sunday for the upcoming week. **Black** and **Green** are done at home and checked by a parent. **Red** must be scanned/uploaded into Canvas. **Blue** must be completed in Canvas. Do not email completed assignments to teachers.

Grades:

Quizzes and assignments submitted via Canvas are graded. There will also be reading evaluations that will be done in class by the teacher.

Due Dates:

Assignments are due Friday, with a grace period through Monday. For example:

Monday through Thursday = online classes.

Friday = due date for all work to be submitted.

Saturday, Sunday (and the next Monday) = You may submit work, and the Canvas system issues a "Late" stamp. Do not worry. Second grade does not deduct points for late work, unless specifically noted by the teacher. However, after the "Saturday, Sunday, Monday" grace period ends, the assignment locks and a zero is issued if work is not submitted. Grace periods may not exist for higher grade levels at FPA. Read the grading policy for each year, each grade, each teacher.