

CURRICULUM

Reading and Language Arts:

We will use the Alpine School District's Balanced Literacy Program. This program includes shared reading, interactive reading and writing, read aloud, Reader's Theatre, independent reading, writer's workshop, phonics, and guided reading. We will be examining the different features of Fiction and Nonfiction texts. If you would like to look at the Utah Core Standards, go to uen.org/core and click on 2nd grade Language Arts.

Spelling:

We will be doing an individualized spelling program called "Words Their Way." It is based on your child's needs. Each week your child will bring home a word sort with instructions for daily practice and on Friday there will be a test on 10 random words from the sort.

Math:

We will be following the Investigations Math Program and any other quality math resources that will extend your child's math knowledge. Homework will be done on ixl.com. Students should spend at least 20 minutes/week on math homework. One goal is for your child to learn their basic math facts (addition and subtraction facts to 18), and to do 20 correctly in one minute or less. We will practice this daily.

Science and Social Studies:

We will be teaching many units throughout the year. Some of these will be life cycles, rocks, animals, community goods and services, economic awareness, social relationships in families and communities, nutrition, plants, maps, and weather.

Art, Computers, Social Skills, Music, and PE

Some of these subjects will be taught by specialty teachers and others will be taught cooperatively by the second grade team.

Grading:

Students will be tested throughout the year to determine their strengths and weaknesses in reading, spelling, language arts, science, and social studies. Grades will be concept based. Final grades will be sent home each trimester.

Our grading scale is as follows:

4 = Mastery

3 = Partial Mastery

2 = Beginning Mastery

1 = No Attempt

We will continually assess your child and re-teach concepts that they need further instruction or remediation in, so that he/she will be successful this year.