



Kunming International Academy Curriculum Summary: Grade Two

In second grade our teachers strive to:

- Work with students as individuals, accommodating different learning styles.
- Provide a nurturing atmosphere that supports the students' emotional, physical, social and intellectual development in a multicultural context.
- Challenge each student to work to his/her potential.

The following is a brief summary of what an average second grader needs to know and be able to do by the end of the year.

Personal Development Skills

Students should have an understanding that through consistent effort they can:

- Succeed
- Value their accomplishments
- Appreciate their own culture and also the cultures of others

Study Skills

Students should demonstrate the ability to:

- Follow written and spoken directions
- Ask for information when needed
- Use a dictionary
- Alphabetize words to the third letter
- Choose books which are at their appropriate reading level
- Complete homework assignments

Math

The second grade student will be able to:

- Understand ones, tens, hundreds and thousands
- Count beyond 1000
- Recall of the basic math facts to twenty
- Add and subtract two- and three-digit numbers with or without regrouping.
- Count money to the dollar
- Read and analyze graphs
- Tell time to five minutes
- Learn metric and standard measurement
- Find one-half, one-third and one-fourth of an object, and understand basic fractions
- Locate edges, corners, and faces on basic solid geometrical figures such as a sphere, cube, cone, cylinder, pyramid, and rectangular prism

Reading

The second grade student will be able to:

- Develop reading strategies through activation of prior knowledge, browsing the text, and consideration of reading goals
- Respond to the text by visualizing what is happening, predicting outcomes, and discussing individual feelings
- Check understanding through interpretation of the text
- Clarify unfamiliar words and passages by applying decoding skills
- Apply context clues
- Understand and respond to story elements such as characters, setting, and plot.
- Develop reading comprehension skills such as making predictions, identifying cause and effect, and making inferences
- Determine the author's purpose for a reading selection
- Distinguish between fiction and nonfiction selections
- Develop word analysis skills in recognizing synonyms, antonyms, and multiple-meaning words.

Writing/Grammar

The second grade student will be able to:

- Plan and set writing goals and decide on main goals of writing
- Proofread to revise content and develop writing skills through a variety of writing conventions
- Work through various stages of the writing process beginning with prewriting.
- Produce a final draft that is legible with appropriate punctuation, capitalization, spelling, tense and basic sentence structure
- Understand and identify the basic parts of speech such as nouns (common and proper), pronouns, adjectives, and verbs (past and present-tense)

Social Studies

The students will develop an understanding of their roles and responsibilities within society, and recognize the influence that economics, government, and geography have in shaping social relationships. The five units of study covered are:

- Long Ago and Yesterday: Our Parents, Grandparents, and Ancestors
- Location and Place: Geography
- How Government Works and Solves Problems
- Supplying Our Needs
- People Who Made a Difference

Science

The students will participate in a hands-on, activity-based exploration of the following topics:

- Interactions of Living Things
- Energy and Motion
- Changes over Time
- Solids, Liquids and Gases
- What Makes Me Sick

Art

The students will:

- Explore and be able to apply a certain media and approaches
- Enjoy
- Respect and appreciate others artworks
- Explore and appreciate art in history, culture, and contemporary.

Music

- Sing music from a variety of cultures with a special emphasis on folk songs
- Perform on a variety of classroom instruments
- Continue learning to sight read using solfege
- Learn about a variety of musical forms, periods, and styles
- Learn about various aspects of rhythm and musical expression
- Learn about a variety of classical composers and their music

Physical Education

The students will:

- Learn the beneficial aspects of physical training and competition while working on a team or competing with oneself to be the best one can be
- Improve on the variety of skills which each sport requires
- Learn basic rules and some basic tactics for popular sports
- Develop rhythmic movement, manipulative and gymnastics skills.

Chinese

Students will be able to:

Level I

- Understand and speak basic vocabulary for daily communication
- Acquire some basic knowledge of Chinese characters, such as the basic strokes, radicals
- Gain a preliminary understanding of some of the Chinese culture

Level II

- Express themselves in a set of sentences and move towards more complex sentences by adding descriptors and details
- Master vocabulary in high-frequency sentence patterns relating to topics of survival and daily life, such as weather, time, hobbies, shopping, etc.
- Read and write 25 basic characters

Level III

- Express themselves in a set of sentences and move towards more complex sentences by adding descriptors and details
- Master vocabulary in high-frequency sentence patterns relating to topics of survival and daily life, such as weather, time, hobbies, shopping, etc.
- Read and write 25 basic characters

Level IV

- Express themselves in a set of sentences and provide some detail in their statements, reaching towards narration and description
- Master vocabulary at high frequency sentence patterns relating to topics of survival and daily life
- Write sentences by using pinyin and 143 high-occurring characters.