



## **C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School 2nd Grade Syllabus**

### **Course Description:**

Each teacher on the second grade team teaches all content areas. The students will learn to build on 1<sup>st</sup> grade standards, master 2<sup>nd</sup> grade standards taught in all content areas, and be prepared for introductory 3<sup>rd</sup> grade standards.

### **Instructional Philosophy:**

Students are a part of both the teaching and learning process. They are taught to work independently with confidence, as well as collaboratively in groups. The classroom is set up as a safe environment to learn and grow through self and partner critiques. The Richmond County curriculum resources, videos, games, and interactive self-made materials will be used to reinforce second grade standards.

Open lines of communication between parents, students, and teachers are keys to promoting an educational climate that is conducive to learning. We look forward to working with you and your child, and building a relationship to having the best year yet!

Together we can make a difference!

### **Major Course Goals and Curriculum:**

#### **English/Language Arts (ELA)**

##### **Comprehension/Fluency/Grammar/Listening and Speaking/Phonics/Writing**

This course will focus on students developing in their reading skills, particularly fluency and comprehension. Second graders will develop their vocabulary through increased word study. They will read and listen to books that are increasingly more complex and from a variety of genres. Students will become more independent with the use of the writing process as they continue to write in a variety of genres. Specific elements will be learned for each type of writing. Their written and spoken language will become more complex.

As a part of the C.T. Walker Magnet School initiative, we will also give speeches and presentations throughout the year.

#### **Second Grade ELA Curriculum Map ([Link](#))**

### **Online Resources for ELA:**

Benchmark Literacy: [www.richmond.benchmarkuniverse.com](http://www.richmond.benchmarkuniverse.com)

Student Username: first name initial + last name + last six digits of 3000 number (for example: asmith449306) The 3000 number can be found in Infinite Campus.

Password: @@@@

### **Math**

*2<sup>nd</sup> grade standards focus on understanding, reading, representing and comparing numbers; identifying and counting money; measurement and time; shape identification and attributes; and fractions.*

Students will use critical thinking to develop problem-solving strategies. Students will be participating in Math Centers and Whole Group Instruction. To enhance problem-solving skills, we will do a great deal of journal writing. Being able to explain your thinking in writing is a higher-level skill and shows deep understanding.

### **Second Grade Math Curriculum Map (Link)**

### **Science**

Science will involve many hands-on experiences to help the students grasp many abstract concepts. We will also use technology and the school's recently renovated science/STEM lab to expand our learning.

### **Second Grade Science Curriculum Map (Link)**

**\*Note: Science curriculum will be taught during the second and third nine weeks of school.**

### **Social Studies**

We will be studying the early history of the United States, as well as a number of famous Americans who lived in Georgia.

### **Second Grade Social Studies Curriculum Map (Link)**

**\*Note: Social Studies curriculum will be taught during the first and third nine weeks of school.**

### **Classroom Expectations:**

In order for every child to succeed, it is critical that the classroom environment be conducive to learning. Behavior problems affect all students and need to be managed so they do not impact the learning of others. Students are expected to complete their work in the time allotted, remain seated during instruction, avoid disruptive behavior, and refrain from playing with and/or throwing objects. Fighting, teasing and bullying are absolutely prohibited! Also, please make sure your child does not bring toys to school.

### **Supplies & Materials Needed:**

Students will be responsible for bringing their homework folder and agenda to school daily. The agenda and folder will be used for homework and parent/teacher communication. This helps us know that we are “on the same page”. It is very important to check the agenda and folder everyday!

\* Agendas will be available, free of charge, at the end of August.

### **Daily Homework:**

Daily homework (Monday-Thursday) usually consists of spelling, vocabulary, sight words, and a math sheet related to the topic currently being studied.

### **Weekly Homework:**

On Mondays, your child will be bringing home **EITHER a Reading Fluency/Comprehension Sheet OR a Writing Assignment**. Your child should begin working on these assignments early in the week and have them completed and ready to be turned in on Friday.

Please make sure your child's **name and date** are on all homework sheets.

### **Scheduling a Conference:**

If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the school at 706-823-6950 and schedule the meeting through our Data Clerk, Kim Schnorbus. She will coordinate a time that is convenient for everyone involved. You may also email or write a note that you would like a conference. We will be happy to forward your request to Kim so that she may set up a meeting.

My email address is **[huntekr@rck12.org](mailto:huntekr@rck12.org)**