



bayarea
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Second Grade

Dear Parents,

We are delighted that you have chosen our school for your child's educational training. We look forward to partnering with your family to provide a quality Christ-centered classroom environment in which your child will be nurtured for academic and spiritual growth. Our second grade faculty has provided the following overall distinctive elements and readiness areas which we hope will be beneficial for children entering our program. Please contact our school office if you have any questions.

Kingdom Education

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide Kingdom Education to the next generation, leading them to Christ, building them up in Christ, equipping them to serve Christ and empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church.

Overall Distinctive Elements

Curriculum: The BJU Press materials are formulated using a Biblical worldview. Students discover how the Bible is relevant to every academic subject because each textbook includes biblical worldview shaping. God's truth is the starting point and standard before man's assumptions are even considered. In addition to biblical worldview shaping, other main elements are critical thinking, academic rigor, and technology solutions.

Bible: Foundational Bible Truths are presented in a systematic way and prayer is integrated throughout subjects, classes, and weekly chapel worship. Students memorize monthly scriptures as part of Bible class.

English Language Arts & Reading: *Writing & Grammar 2* builds a solid foundation in grammar, writing, and communication focused on honoring God through all the skills learned. Students work on reading and comprehension, cursive handwriting, letter and creative journal writing. *Reading 2* focuses on reading for comprehension, phonics, oral reading and literary techniques through realistic fiction, historical fiction, fables, folktales, and poetry.

Math: BJU math equips students to master foundational math skills through hands-on manipulatives and sequential teaching that lead students from a concrete to an abstract understanding of mathematics for the purpose of solving problems within the context of a biblical worldview. *Math 2* builds number sense and understanding of place value to add and subtract with up to four digits and regrouping to the thousands place; practices multiplication and division facts to 5; explores fractions, geometry, measurement, time, money, and data; introduces students to foundational multiplication skills; introduces coding concepts with STEM activities.

Science: BJU Science develops foundational understanding of scientific knowledge and inquiry skills with exposure to scientific methods to solve real-world problems. Topics for *Science 2* include earth movement, earth layers, and natural resources; plants, animals, habitats, fossils and dinosaurs, and human body systems; and matter, changing matter, and forces. Students participate in hands-on science activities including an animal diorama with report.

History: *Heritage Studies 2: Community and Government* encourages students to evaluate society and their role in it through the lens of God's Word. Students learn how to participate effectively in their world. Students research a state and create a project and written report.

Specials: Art, music, Spanish, library, P.E., and recess

Field Trips: Children's Museum, Froberg Farm, Scoops Ice Cream, and Main Street Theater (one field trip per quarter)



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Summer Suggestions

- Read approximately 20 minutes a day with discussion
- Read chapter books such as *Calendar Mysteries*, *Flat Stanley*, *Cam Jansen*, *Nancy Drew*, and *Magic Tree House*
- Complete Book 2 *Vacation Stations: Wheel Westward* by Bob Jones University Press
- Practice Math Speed Drills at AfterSchoolHelp.com (under math tab)



Readiness Areas

Language Arts Prerequisites

- Read and comprehend on grade-level orally and silently
- Sustain silent reading for 20 minutes
- Compare and contrast stories
- Identify the main character and the main idea of a passage
- Sequence events in a story
- Make predictions about a passage or story
- Summarize a passage or story
- Identify short and long vowels and their sounds
- Write a complete sentence with capital lettering and appropriate punctuation
- Know compound words
- Recognize rhyming words
- Alphabetize words to the second letter
- Pinpoint synonyms and antonyms
- Write contractions using not



Math Prerequisites

- Write, compare, order numbers to 99
- Recognize place value
- Identify coins and count mixed coins up to \$1.00
- Identify fractions: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$
- Memorize addition and subtraction families through 12
- Add and subtract two-digit numbers
- Identify even and odd numbers
- Count by 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Measure in inches
- Read time to the hour, half hour, and quarter hour
- Draw conclusions and answer questions using graphs
- Solve written problems with clue words such as "in all" and "are left"
- Practice speed drills on math facts

