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American Preparatory Academy follows Utah Core Standards as well as following the Core Knowledge Sequence as outlined in *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know.* ● Utah Core Standards for 2nd Grade can be found at: https://www.uen.org/core/ ● Core Knowledge Sequence can be found at: https://www.coreknowledge.org/ ● *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* (2007 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392401)

- *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* offers parents, teachers, and students an illustrated guide to the essential knowledge outlined in the Core Knowledge Sequence, including stories and poems, familiar sayings, interesting information on history and geography, discussions of visual arts and music, and explanations and activities in math and science.

Subjects taught at APA in 2nd Grade include:

	Logic/Comprehension	Science
Art	Music	Spelling
Grammar	Poetry	Writing
History	Reading University	2nd Grade Conceptual
Language Arts Literature	Sayings and Phrases	Math

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Homeroom Subjects

Art

Art projects are chosen for students based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as found in: *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* (2007 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392401)

Grammar

The Shurley Method Level 2 Teacher's Manual by Shurley, Brenda & Wetsell, Ruth 1997 Second Edition (ISBN 978-1-881940-63-0)

History

History, *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* (2007 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392401)

- Constitution
- War of 1812
- Westward Expansion

History Resources:

- Civil War
- Immigration
- Civil Rights
- China
- India
- Japan
- Ancient Greece

Literature excerpts found from core knowledge resources: https://www.coreknowledge.org

- Reminiscences of Levi Coffin
- Quotes from Immigrants who came through Ellis Island
- Buddha: The Enlightened One
- Teachings of Confucius
- Rama and Sita: A Tale from the Ramayama
- Training of Spartan Girls
- The New Colossus
- Zeus and Io
- Bellerophon and Pegasus
- Taming of Bucephalus

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Language Arts

Heggerty Phonemic Awareness by Michael Heggerty
ISBN 978-1-947-260-43-6

Literature

Literature books in 2nd Grade include the following:
Literature all excerpts from: *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* (2007 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392401)

- A Christmas Carol
- Arachne The Weaver
- Beauty and the Beast
- Casey Jones
- Charlotte's Web
- Daedelus and Icarus
- Demeter and Persephone
- El Pajaro Cu
- Hercules
- How the Camel Got His Hump
- Iktomi Stories
- John Henry
- Johnny Appleseed
- Oedipus and The Sphinx
- Paul Bunyan
- Pecos Bill
- Prometheus
- Selections from Peter Pan
- Swift-Footed Atalanta
- Talk
- The Blind Man and the Elephant
- The Emperor's New Clothes
- The Fisherman and His Wife
- The Labors of Hercules
- The Magic Paintbrush
- The Tiger, The Brahman, and the Jackal
- The Tongue-Cut Sparrow
- Theseus and the Minotaur
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Logic/Comprehension

- Thinking Basics by Siegfried Engelmann ISBN13 9780076111596 Back to Front Page 3



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Music

Music selections are chosen for students based on the Core Knowledge Curriculum as found in: *What Your Second Grader Needs to Know* (2007 Revised Edition) by E. D. Hirsch Jr. (ISBN 978-0553392401)

- Patriotic Music
- Folk Music
- Classical Music
- Composers
- Instrument Families
- Writing Music Notes
- Pitch
- Musical Scale
- Songs
    - *Star Spangled Banner* (verses one and four) by Fransis Scott Key
    - *This Land is Your Land* by Woody Guthrie
    - *John Henry*
    - *The Erie Canal*
    - *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*
    - *Follow the Drinking Gourd*
    - *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*
    - *Dixie*
    - *I've Been Working on the Railroad*
    - *Do-Re-Mi*
    - *Clementine*
    - *Old Dan Tucker*

- *Home on the Range*
- *Goodbye, Old Paint*
- *Buffalo Gals*
- *Casey Jones*



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Poetry

Poems will be memorized or analyzed. These poems are from What Your 2nd Grader Needs to Know (CK)

- *Builders* by Anonymous
- *Bed in Summer* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Bee! I'm Expecting You* by Emily Dickinson
- *Buffalo Dusk* by Carl Sandburg
- *Caterpillars* by Aileen Fisher
- *Discovery* by Harry Behn
- *Harriet Tubman* by Eloise Greenfield
- *Hurt No Living Thing* by Christina Rossetti
- *Lincoln* by Nancy Byrd Turner
- *The Night Before Christmas* (originally titled a Visit from St. Nicholas) by Clement C. Moore
- *Rudolph is Tired of the City* by Gwendolyn Brooks
- *Seashell* by Federico Garcia Lorca; translated by K. F. Pearson
- *Smart* by Shel Silverstein
- *Something Told the Wild Geese* by Rachel Field
- *Who has seen the Wind* by Christina Rossetti
- *Windy Nights* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *There was an Old Man with a Beard* by Edward Lear
- *There was a Young Lady, Whose Nose* by Edward Lear
- *There was an Old Man with a Nose* by Edward Lear
- *Believe* by Anonymous
- *It May Not Matter* by Anonymous
- *The Wind* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Duel* by

Reading University

Reading University books for all grades can be viewed at: https://www.americanprep.org/reading-university/

Eugene Field
- *Where Go the Boats?* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Old Ironsides* by Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
- *America's Answer* by R. W. Lilliard

- A list of books for second grade will be available separate from this packet. Back to Front Page 5



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Sayings and Phrases

- *Back to the drawing board*
- *Two heads are better than one*
- *Don't judge a book by its cover*
- *Where there's a will there's a way*
- *Turn over a new leaf*
- *Cold feet*
- *In hot water*
- *Better late than never*
- *Get a taste of your own medicine*
- *Easier said than done*
- *Don't cry over spilled milk*
- *Practice what you preach*
- *Keep your fingers crossed*
- *You can't teach an old dog new tricks*
- *Get up on the wrong side of the bed*
- *Eaten out of house and home*

Science

Lessons for science are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on the Utah SEED standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence. These lessons will include the following topics:

- Seasons
- Life Cycle
- Water Cycle
- Magnets
- Digestion
- Insects
- Simple Machines

Spelling

The Writing Road to Reading by Romalda Bishop Spalding ISBN13 978-0688100070

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Writing

Adventures in Language (A.I.L.):

- Adventures in Language by Terry Dodd, Fay Goodfellow, Dawn Dodds

Informational Writing & Book report lessons are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on

the Utah Core standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence.

2nd Grade Conceptual Math

Lessons for 2nd grade Core Math are created by A.P.A. staff and are based on the Utah Core standards, along with the Core Knowledge Sequence. These lessons will include the following topics:

- Mathematical Practices
- Operations and Algebraic Thinking
- Number and Operations in Base Ten
- Measurement and Data
- Geometry

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Intensive Groups Curriculum

Intensive Reading Groups

Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia byLuke

Reading Mastery, by Siegfried Engelmann and Jean Osborn

- For each *Reading Mastery* level (see list below), students will use a textbook, a workbook, and a skillbook. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.

Reading Mastery 1

Reading Mastery 2

Once the curriculum is completed a novel is read to finish the school year.

Novels:

- *Amelia Bedelia Play Ball* by Peggy Parish
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie W. Sharmat
- *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Kidnapped at Birth* by Louis Sachar
- *Junie B Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park
- *Sprite's Secret* by Tracey West

Reading Mastery 3

Novels:

- *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White
- *Enormous Egg* by Oliver Butterworth
- *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardner

Reading Mastery 4

Novels:

- *Ramona Quimby* by Beverly Cleary
- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gibson

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- *Little House* in the big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr
- *Stuart Little* by E.B. White

Intensive Math Groups

Based on assessment data, students will be assigned to one of the following math classes. For each *CMC* level (see list below), students will use a textbook and a math facts/worksheet practice book. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.

- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts A (CMC A)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts B (CMC B)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts C (CMC C)*, McGraw Hill
- *SRA Connecting Math Concepts D (CMC D)*, McGraw Hill
- *Saxon Math* (5/4), by Stephen Hake and John Saxon
    - For each Saxon Math Level, students will use a textbook and a math facts practice book. These books can be purchased on amazon.com or checked out in the school curriculum room.