

Second Grade Earthschooling *Written Curriculum* Summary of the Year & Supply List

SUMMARY OF THE SECOND GRADE YEAR

This is a comprehensive guide designed for educators and parents following the Waldorf education model. It emphasizes a holistic approach to learning, integrating various subjects through thematic blocks, storytelling, and hands-on activities. The planner is structured to accommodate different starting times for the school year and provides flexibility in lesson planning.

Curriculum Structure

The curriculum is organized into thematic blocks, with a focus on integrating subjects such as math, language, and handwork. Each month features specific themes, with August serving as an introductory month that can be adapted for late starters. The planner encourages teachers to observe the natural rhythms of their students and adjust schedules accordingly, promoting a flow that aligns with the children's needs and interests.

Weekly Themes

- **Week One: Rhythm** - Students explore the concept of rhythm in nature, music, and daily life, allowing for a flexible schedule that adapts to the class's natural flow.
- **Week Two: Time** - Focuses on understanding the calendar and daily schedules, encouraging discussions about modifications needed in the classroom.
- **Week Three: Guides** - Introduces stories about community, manners, and guidelines, fostering cooperation and listening skills.
- **Week Four: Crops and Harvest** - Celebrates local agricultural practices, tailored to the geographical context of the students.

Artistic Integration

The curriculum emphasizes the importance of artistic expression through activities like watercolor painting, which is integrated into storytelling. Teachers are encouraged to use Rick Tan's "Watercolor Basics" lessons to enhance students' artistic skills throughout the year.

Math and Language Focus

The math curriculum for second-grade includes a deeper exploration of numbers 11-20, emphasizing the living reality of numbers through stories and practical applications. The approach is designed to solidify foundational math skills while connecting them to real-world experiences. Language instruction builds on first-grade skills, introducing lowercase letters and focusing on storytelling, fables, and verses to enhance literacy.

Daily Math Practice

Daily math practice includes written problems, rhythm exercises, and hands-on activities that reinforce the four basic operations. The curriculum encourages a playful approach to learning math, integrating movement and physicality into lessons.

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Storytelling and Fables

Storytelling is a central component of the Waldorf curriculum, with a focus on fables and stories that teach moral lessons. The second-grade year emphasizes the duality of human behavior through animal fables and saint stories, helping children navigate their understanding of good and evil. The curriculum encourages teachers to adapt stories to suit the developmental stage of the children, ensuring that the lessons are age-appropriate and engaging.

Handwork and Craft

Handwork is integrated into the curriculum, with a focus on developing fine motor skills through knitting, crocheting, and other crafts. Second graders are expected to build on skills learned in first grade, preparing them for more complex projects in the future.

Nature and Sensory Learning

The curriculum incorporates nature walks and sensory experiences, allowing children to connect with their environment. Activities are designed to engage all five senses, enhancing memory retention and learning through experiential methods.

Conclusion

The "Second Grade Weekly Planner for the Year" serves as a detailed roadmap for educators and parents, emphasizing a holistic, integrated approach to learning that nurtures the child's artistic, intellectual, and emotional development. By focusing on rhythm, storytelling, and hands-on activities, the curriculum aims to create a rich educational experience that aligns with the principles of Waldorf education. The planner is adaptable, allowing for individual pacing and responsiveness to the unique needs of each classroom.

DETAILED SUMMARY OF THE SECOND GRADE YEAR

Second Grade Planner One

Main Lesson: Math (Times Table Practice, Numbers 11-15)

(Saint Stories and Fables to go with the numbers - one each week)

Complimentary Lesson: Lower case, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l

Phonics: Letter Blends: FT, MP, ND, NG, NK, NT

Creative Lesson: Making Tea Bags, Finger Knit Bracelet, Finger Knit Flowers, Practice Knitting: Casting on and off, Sew a Forest Animal, Beeswax Gems, Lucets, Origami Apple

Music: Pentatonic Recorder (Review and Story from First Grade), Learn "In Days of Old"

Second Grade Planner Two

Main Lesson: Math (Double-Digit Math), The Number 2 & Practice Problems with 2

Complimentary Lesson: Lower Case: m, n, o, p, q, r, t, u, v, w, x, y, z

(Week One: Math Poem of the Month - 2, Number Story)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends: PT, SK, SP, ST

Creative Lesson: Make Felted Food, Sew a Royal Crown, Herb Vinegar, Spool Knit Duster, Arm Band, Knitted Vase, Cornhusk Doll

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Harvest Moon"

Second Grade Planner Three

Main Lesson: Fables: Part I (Friday Fable)

Complimentary Lesson: Form Drawing: Horizontal Symmetry, Running Forms with Paired Forms, Running Forms in Nature

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 3)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: IP, IT, OA, OCK, OG, SH, TH

Creative Lesson: Make a Lantern, Sew a Bird, Sew a Cat Toy, Toy Horse Reins, Make a Squash Candle

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Flight"

Second Grade Planner Four

Main Lesson: Science: Sun, Water, Wind & Earth

Complimentary Lesson: See above

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 4)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: WH, OOD, OOK, CH, OOM, CK, OP, CT

Creative Lesson: Edible Rocks, Knit Leaf, Arrowhead Necklace

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Sing We Noel" and "Sir Eglamore"

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Second Grade Planner Five

Main Lesson: Math (Numbers 16-20)

Complimentary Lesson:

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 5)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: ORE, ORN, OT, OUGHT, TH, OW, UCK, TCH, DR

Creative Lesson: Felt Nature Table, Knit Scarf, Felted Stones, Simple Felted Animals

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Sing We Noel"

Second Grade Planner Six

Main Lesson: Saint & Hero Stories: Part I (Saint Stories: Elizabeth, Saint Kenneth, Saint Christopher — Hero Stories: Becos Becos, The Shepherd, Two Great Painters, The Young Prince, The Caliph and the Gardner, The Horseshoe Nail)

Complimentary Lesson: See Above

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 6)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: AIL, AIN, AKE, ALE

Creative Lesson: Snow Science Craft, Knit Wrist Warmers, Clay Modeling, Rock Crystals, Sock Snowmen

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Village Chimes"

Second Grade Planner Seven

Main Lesson: Saint and Hero Stories: Part II (Saint Stories: Saint Brigid, Saint Methodius, Saint Valentine, Saint Cyril, Saint Margaret — Hero Stories: Saved by a Dolphin, The Lad Who Rode Side Saddle, Whisperers, The Boy and the Robber, Two Men & a Black Bear, A Lesson in Justice, The Story of a Great Story, The General and the Fox, The Story of Old Rome)

Complimentary Lesson: (see above)

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 7)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: BL, BR, UMP, UNK, CL, Y, CR

Creative Lesson: Dipped Candles, Knit Feather, Origami Hearts, Paper Cut Valentines, Knit Mouse

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "Riddle Song"

Second Grade Planner Eight

Main Lesson: Fables: The Talkative Turtle, The Hog and the Acorn, Leopard and the Fox, Coyote Steals the Sun

Complimentary Lesson: Form Drawing, Metamorphic Forms, The Lemniscate & Ellipse

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 8)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: AM, AME, FL, FR, AN, ANK, GL, GR, AP, AR, PL, ASH

Creative Lesson: Herbal Punch, Felted Mermaid, Sew Turtle, Paddle Boat, Crochet a Doily, Make a Gyrocopter

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "The Welsh Piper"

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Second Grade Planner Nine

Main Lesson: Science Stories & Lessons: Bees in the Hive, Life of the Primrose, A Drop of Water on its Travels, Bees and Flowers

Complimentary Lesson: See above

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 9)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: AT, SC, AW, AY, SL, EAL, EAR, SN, SM, SP, ENT

Creative Lesson: Tie-Dye Eggs, Felt Balls, Beeswax Bird, Toothbrush Holder, Make a Felt Board, Bumble Bee Kite

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "The Rainbow"

Second Grade Planner Ten

Main Lesson: Language (Writing Practice & Phonics Poems)

Complimentary Lesson: See Above

(Week One: Number Poem of the Month - 10)

(Week Two: Saint and Hero Stories of the Month)

(Week Three: Site Word Story of the Month)

(Week Four: Word Family Activity of the Month)

Phonics: Letter Blends & Word Families: EAT, EEL, SQU, EEP, EET, ELL, EN, SW, TR, CT

Creative Lesson: Sun Prints, Crochet Butterfly, Sun Cooking, Coiled Baskets, Sidewalk Chalk, Knit a Rose, Dried Flower, Tussie Mussies, Crochet a Flower Sprig

Music: Pentatonic Recorder: Learn "The Procession"

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SUPPLY LISTS FOR SECOND GRADE WRITTEN CURRICULUM

Basic Supplies for All Lessons All Year

These supplies are used in many grades of the Waldorf curriculum, so if you have already been teaching in the Waldorf style, you may have many of these on hand. This is also a general list to get you started. If you get everything on this list, you will not need to supplement with much else all year. *You will also need the supplies from the "specific supply list" below this one.*

Optional Supplies for the Year

These are not required in the curriculum. However, they may be suggested or can be used to supplement lessons and support creative expression.

Specific Supplies for the Year

This list was taken directly from the crafts and projects presented in the curriculum

Basic Supplies for All Lessons All Year

2 Main lesson books - 32 pages, landscape format, 32x24 cm, blank, with or without onion skin.

2 Main Lesson Books - Composition Book 21 x 29.7 cm Portrait Format - Blank

2 Main Lesson Books - Composition Book 21 x 29.7 cm Portrait Format - Wide Lined

Modeling Beeswax (Stockmar or can be made at home)

Modeling Clay (Stockmar or can be purchased at a local art supply store)

Watercolors (Set of 8)

Watercolor Brushes (Different Sizes)

Watercolor Paper (At Least 11" x 14")

Watercolor Board (Can purchase, make, or use the back of a frame)

Beeswax Block Crayons (Set of 8 is Fine. Use the Same Ones You Used in KG.)

Beeswax Stick Crayons (Minimum Set of 8)

Pentatonic Recorder (Use the Same One You Used for First Grade)

Kinder Harp

Wool Roving - At Least 8 Colors

Yarn (4-8 Balls) - 100% Cotton or Wool

Wooden Knitting Needles (Size 6 and 8 - also still need the 10 from last year)

Colored Pencils - At Least 8 Colors

Drawing Paper (Minimum 8" x 10")

Pencils for Writing

Pencil Sharpener

Eraser

Optional Supplies for the Year

Weaving Loom (Small 12" x 12" is Fine)

Paper Making Frames (You Can Also Make Your Own)

Circle paper

Specific Supplies for the Year

1. Old Fashioned Wind-Sock from Felt:

- Pieces of felt in different colors
- Scrap material
- Sewing needle
- String or yarn
- Thread

2. Materials for Craft Projects:

- Cardboard
- White paper
- Spray glue
- Glue stick
- Dried flowers
- Tweezers
- Printed vellum sheets
- Felt ribbon
- Decorative paper
- Card stock
- Clamps
- Pencil
- Drill (1/8" drill bit)
- Needle

3. Beading Project Supplies:

- 30" suede cord
- Turquoise and red beads (natural is best)
- Glass beads (clear or silver color)
- Scissors

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About Main Lesson Books: Although we provide a supply list, the main lesson books you use can vary according to preference. The only reason we have a list of different main lesson books on the supply list is to provide you with a variety of main lesson book experiences or the option to use different formats. There is no rule as to which book goes with which lesson. Some teachers prefer to use the lined books for writing, and others prefer to use the blank page/lined book combination for writing. Blank page books often work best for math. However, lined books can also be used. Once you become familiar with the main lesson book experience, you can choose your own books according to your preference. To decide on which lesson books you want to use/order, you can use the following list:

1. Main lesson books are used for each different subject. Every time a student does a math lesson or math practice, they write or draw in their math main lesson book. Each time a student does a language lesson, they use their language main lesson book. I usually provide my students with at least one nature journal book and one “free” book (in which they can do whatever they want or practice lessons before they put it into their main book), so base how many books you need on this guideline.
2. There is no rule as to what kind of book you need. I know one Waldorf teacher who has students make their own books with plain paper and yarn. I have seen some teachers use very specific books for each subject. I, personally, prefer the style of book with lines on one side and a blank page on the other side so the student has space to write and draw each day. Although I have seen others use the lined books exclusively (and then just glue or tape in plain paper as needed) and others use just the plain pages only, and either ask students to write without lines or create their own lines before they write.
3. For size, I usually choose the largest size available or at least medium. I find the students have a hard time opening up their creativity with the smaller books. Although a smaller book might work as a nature journal if you are carrying it with you.
4. The only requirement is that the book you create needs to be able to lie flat. Sometimes you can use a piece of the child’s art or wet-on-wet watercolor as the book cover.

Question from Member: *When should we start using lined books for writing?*

Reply from Earthschooling: We recommend second or third grade, depending on the comfort level of the child. When you do start, begin with wider lines before moving to thinner ones. You can “try them out” in second grade and observe how the child responds. If they are comfortable, then you can continue using them. Some signs of discomfort might be complaining about the restrictions of the lines, consistently writing off the line, or refusal to write in the books.

Question from Member: *I am having trouble finding the exact main lesson book that is suggested on the “suggested supply list.”*

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SECOND GRADE WRITTEN CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

All items below have a direct link, but can also be accessed by using your [main second-grade page](#)

REQUIRED ITEMS	REQUIRED
I have downloaded my curriculum from the second-grade page by the year , or I will download each month individually . I understand this is all I need to complete the year and that everything else is extra resources. I understand there is also a page that has all the daily planners individually here .	
I understand that if I download the planners by the month that I also need to download the document called "Introduction to All Months" as this will help guide me in using the curriculum. If I download the curriculum by the year, this document is included in that download.	
I know I can find mp3s of all the lessons on the individual lesson planner pages . These are provided for any accessibility needs I may have.	
I have downloaded the Ultimate Second Written Curriculum Grade Guide PDF. This checklist can be found within this guide so I might be using this file now.	
I understand that EarthschoolingHelp.com is the only place to submit support questions.	
I understand that if I use more lessons beyond the required curriculum, I risk becoming confused or overwhelmed. I will proceed slowly and cautiously through all extra materials. If I start to feel overwhelmed or confused, I will take a step back and consider using only the required lessons or will add extra lessons and teacher education at a much slower pace. Earthschooling provides extra resources, so I have <i>choices</i> , not because they expect me to use them all.	
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BELOW	PRIORITY
I have visited the Teacher Support Page for second-grade and have browsed or watched the videos on that page that will help me in my journey (Package Members only – this is not available for Core Bundles)	
I have browsed the START HERE page to become familiar with those resources and have read or listened to the ones that I need at this time.	
ALL EXTRA AND OPTIONAL BELOW	EXTRAS
I have visited the Introduction page for second-grade for help with organizing and record keeping.	
I understand that I also have the option to use the archived second-grade blocks . However, the material in these blocks is not as complete as the planners.	
I have visited the Teacher Essentials Page and have skimmed through some of the important materials there for future reference such as: Waldorf 101, My Waldorf Year, Member FAQs, Planning Essentials, Classroom Essentials, and more	
I have skimmed the Second Grade Music page to be aware of the extra resources I have there such as charts, sheet music, extra verses, and mp3s	
I am aware of the member galleries here on the Member Gallery page. However, I also know I can access all the member galleries from the EarthschoolingHelp.com page.	
I am aware that Earthschooling provides extra lessons for second-grade if I need them on the Extra Lessons page	
I have looked at the optional book list for second-grade on the Book List page .	
I am aware that students will need to practice the math they learn in the planners and that Earthschooling provides practice problems on the Math Problems page. However, I am also aware I can find math problems for all grades linked from the EarthschoolingHelp.com page.	
I know where to find the Second Grade FAQs page . However, I am also aware I can link to this page from EarthschoolingHelp.com.	
I am aware there is a Cultural Enrichment page for all members and have skimmed the content to be aware of what is available.	