

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

2nd Grade SPT

Students meet for a full school year, with 12 co-op weeks in the fall and 12 weeks in the spring. The 2nd grade class is taught with one 2nd grade teacher who teaches Science and another 2nd grade teacher who teaches Social Studies. Class sections are assigned one of those teachers as their homeroom teacher as well. Additionally, the 2nd grade classes go to music with the respective teacher for that time. The students enjoy recess twice a day at either the playground or the gym. Parents must pack snack and lunch for their student. Children in 2nd grade will not be assigned homework, except for an occasional oral presentation requirement. Formal grades are not given in 2nd grade but teachers do send home progress reports twice a year.

Grades: 2nd Grade

Fees: Two Day Model Tuition: \$800 for the year

Plus the following fees:

- -\$140 enrollment fee per child
- -\$70 security fee per family
- -\$10 per student portrait/bag tag fee

Prerequisites:

Must be 7 years old by September 1st

Sections Offered: 2nd Blue Jays: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2nd Red Cardinals: Tuesdays & Thursdays, K3-2nd Grade Music, K3-2nd Grade Art

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbook:

My Star Spangled Student Workbook – (parents must purchase the workbook but do not need to purchase the textbook)

Other Materials:

Each class has a supply list of required materials parents must purchase and send to class with their student. **Find Supply Lists here.**

Course Description

Social Studies component: In second grade, we will focus on learning about U.S. History using Our Star-Spangled Story Part 2. This book has 45 lessons beginning with life in America in the late 1800s through modern times. Students will learn about history from a Christian worldview through songs, dances, and hands-on activities.

Notgrass curriculum company recommends eight works of literature to read along with the lessons in Our Star-Spangled Story. The UHC teacher does not have time to read these books aloud in class but we highly recommend that families read through them at home with their students. Each book gives your child a richer perspective on a certain time period. The student has 3-5 weeks to read each book.

The following literature books are recommended for Part 2, which is covered in 2nd grade at UHC:

- Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates (Units 16-18)
- Emily's Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary (Units 19-22)
- The Year of Miss Agnes by Kirkpatrick Hill (Units 23-26)
- Katy by Mary Evelyn Notgrass (Units 27-30)

Science component: In second grade, we will also complete Earth Science, Space Science & Physical Science unit studies about the earth, space, water, weather, and various physical science concepts (magnetism, gravity, electricity, etc..) based on the Magic School Bus series, enabling great flexibility as we explore a wide variety of science while integrating other subject areas. Students will participate in various hands-on activities and projects to further reinforce scientific methods of discovery.

Students also enjoy Music and Art class once weekly as part of their class day.

- **Music Class:** Students will attend music class once a week. The students will enjoy experiencing music in a variety of ways. We explore music through a repertoire rich in folk songs, nursery rhymes, and traditional singing games. We learn about music through imitation, movement, listening, visualization, improvisation, finger play, and rhythm instruments. Seasonal music activities are incorporated throughout the year.
- **Art Class:** Students will attend art class once a week. K4-2nd grade students' study of art will encourage them to better see and appreciate God's own artistic brilliance in His lavish creation. Quality children's literature will be used to teach various art elements such as shape, line, texture, color, value, form and space. Students will put their learning in action by completing an art project each class day using a variety of media and hands-on learning.

To be successful in this class:

Continue developing social skills, pay attention in class, raise hand in class, obey the teacher/follow instructions, learn to work in groups, keep hands to oneself, and continue to learn how to study material.

2nd Blue Jays: Tuesdays & Thursdays



Meet Duda Riles

Education:

- B.S. Psychology with minor in Human Development and Family Studies
- Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy

Teaching experience: Accumulative 10 years of teaching experience

UHC courses taught:

Began teaching at UHC in 2023/2024 school year

2nd Red Cardinals: Tuesdays & Thursdays



Meet Brittany Bruce

Education: Bachelor's in Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Teaching Experience:I taught fourth grade in a public school for two years and then taught Kindergarten at a private classical education school. I also taught online for VIPKID and tutored Elementary students in math and reading. I began teaching in 2016.

Homeschooling Experience: I have been homeschooling my children since 2023.

Certifications: Early Childhood, ESOL with VIPKID

UHC Courses Taught: 2nd Grade

Began teaching at UHC in 2024.

K3-2nd Grade Music



Meet Xavier Moses

Education: B.M. in Music with an Emphasis in Education – University of South Carolina 2010

Teaching Experience: 2010 – 2011 Fairforest Middle School; 2011-2015 Allendale County Schools; 2015 – 2023 Lead Academy Public Charter

Certifications: CPR/AED First Aid Certified; Certified Teacher Mentor; Vocal Performance Certificate

UHC Courses Taught: Elementary Music

Began teaching at UHC in 2024.

K3-2nd Grade Art



Meet Olga Romero

Education: 3 year Cosmetology degree from Germany

Teaching Experience: I have been homeschooling my own children since 2020. I also work in the 2-3 year old toddler classroom on the Hampton Heights Campus.

Art Experience: I enjoy quilting and sewing, which I learned from my mother, but I love to put my own unique spin on every project. My work reflects my Ukrainian background and the resulting work is often playful, bold, and colorful. 2024 is my first year teaching and I love to bring a sense of fun, playfulness, and love of color to my classroom as well as the idea that there are no mistakes in art, only chances for a new perspective and a way to get creative!

UHC Courses Taught: 2-3 year old toddlers, K3-2nd art

Began teaching at UHC in 2024.

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