

Second Grade | 2017-18

EXPLORATIONS

Welcome to Explorations!

We are excited to welcome your family to the 2017-18 Explorations program! Our goal is to create delight-filled, hands-on unit studies using the best in children's literature. We aim to launch learning in the classroom so that it can be connected and expanded at home in the areas of Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Bible, and Art as inspired by our books. You may choose to use Explorations as an enrichment program or to meet your student's core academic requirements. All families have access to grade-specific Home Lesson Plans (HLPs), which provide a learning guide for each book, including project ideas, discussion questions, resource hyperlinks, and assignments. If you select Explorations for your student's core curriculum, simply complete 2-3 HLP assignments per subject area, per book.

Second Grade Book List

In order to use Explorations as core academic material, please purchase or borrow the following books:

Max's Words by Kate Banks
The Ugly Duckling by Jerry Pinkney
Camille and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt
Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
Children's Activity Atlas by Jenny Slater
Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness
The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree
by Gloria Houston
Paul Bunyan by Steven Kellogg
Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman
Follow the Drinking Gourd by Jeanette Winter
Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran
Rechenka's Eggs by Patricia Polacco
Aesop's Fables Illustrated by Charles Santore
Carnival of Animals by Jack Prelutsky
Click [here](#) to purchase from Circle's Amazon Store.

Second Grade Core Subjects

At the elementary school level, there are five core subject areas: Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible. However, Language Arts should be divided into categories in order to ensure complete coverage of the subject. At the Second Grade level, Language Arts is comprised of phonics, reading, spelling, vocabulary, and handwriting. If you choose Explorations to meet your student's academic core requirements, here is a summary of what we cover (and what we do not):



Language Arts: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & Writing Composition | Included in Explorations home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Science | Included in Explorations home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Social Studies | Included in home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Bible | Included in home lesson plans; no additional curriculum needed.

Math | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

Language Arts: Reading Instruction/Phonics, Spelling & Handwriting Instruction | NOT provided in Explorations home lesson plans. Parent responsible for instruction and curriculum.

If you have questions about the Explorations Program, please contact Program Director Ruth Brown at ruthb@circlechristianschool.org. For curriculum assistance, call the Circle Bookstore at 407-740-8877.