

Grade Two Curriculum Picks

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Vendor websites are pick-and-choose and some optional or alternate suggestions may be listed, so select your items with care.

Overview Of Grade 2 Curriculum Picks

Here is an overview of the curriculum picks that we suggest for Grade 2. Please note that some subjects provide more than one option. For more information about the curriculum, please refer to the information under [Detailed Information for Grade 2 Curriculum Picks](#) (further down this page).

English Language Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language Lessons for a Living Education 2 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible• Stone Soup with Literature Kit (or another grade-appropriate book)• Printing Power student workbook (OR Canadian Handwriting B)
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Math Lessons for a Living Education 2• Singapore Math 2022 Edition 2A and 2B Student Books and Home Instructor Guides• Jump Math New Canadian Edition Grade 2 (Parts 1 and 2)
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Elementary Teacher's Book of Graphic Organizers (templates for reporting on what has been learned in non-fiction picture books) <p>Biology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch It Grow: Backyard Life Cycles by Barbara Reid; Live Butterfly Larvae Kit from Homeschool Canada or Canadian Home Education Resources (or chicks, or tadpoles, etc.)• Salmon Stream by Carol Reed-Jones <p>Chemistry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matter & Materials (On the Mark Press) <p>Physics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ScienceWiz Physics Kit <p>Earth/Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Water Cycle: A 4D Book by Catherine Ipcizade

Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada, My Country (Northwoods Press) • Global Communities (On the Mark Press)
Bible/Christian Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding God's Promises workbook (Positive Action for Christ)
Optional Resources (not detailed below)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing Power by Handwriting Without Tears (English Language Arts) • Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids by Teacher Created Resources (Health Education) • Water Walker by Joanne Robertson (Science; addresses First People's knowledge of water) • Life in a Fishing Community by Helene Bourdeau (Social Studies; use with Canada, My Country) • A Sled Dog for Moshi by Jeanne Bushey (Social Studies; use with Canada, My Country) • Canada Map Book 1 by Apple Press (Social Studies)

Detailed Information for Grade 2 Curriculum Picks

English Language Arts

Language Lessons for a Living Education 2 with 101 Favorite Stories from the Bible

Type of Resource: workbook

Description: students will move beyond pages of text to make real-world connections as this exciting new series guides your young learner toward mastery of reading, grammar, and vocabulary, as well as the mechanics of communication and writing. Utilizing phonics, observation, and reading comprehension through poems, stories, and real books as the foundation, your student will start forming basic sentences.

This story-based approach focused on young students Claire and Micah, uses Charlotte Mason ideas for the modern homeschool student with character-building themes. Each quarter has five stories, two picture studies (one of which is Bible-based), and two poems (one of which is a Psalm). Using the spelling words and the Dictionary Worksheets student will create their very own dictionary as they move week by week through the material.

This curriculum incorporates picture study, memorization, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, observation, poems, psalms, letters, and practical application through creative writing – all working towards the mastery of reading and grammar, as well as the mechanics of communication and writing. Equivalent to a second-grade level. Developing early reading and narration skills, by the end of the course, students should be able to comfortably write up to three sentences at a time. **The additional resource, *101 Favorite Stories from the Bible* by Ura Miller is a required supplement to this program.**

[Website](#)

[Series Overview](#)

[Placement Guide](#)

[Review](#)

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- [Language Lessons 2 - Dictionary](#)
- [Language Lessons 2 - Resources](#)
- [Language Lessons 2 - Word Shapes](#)

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[PDF Sample](#)

Stone Soup Picture Book with Literature Kit (or another grade-appropriate book)

Type of Resource: a fiction picture book and workbook

Description: Students use their brainstorming skills as they think of reasons why the villagers would hide their food from the soldiers. Find the vocabulary words from the story that have short i and long i sound. Match words to their synonyms from the novel. Put events from the story in the order that they happened when the soup was being made. Students draw a picture of their favourite soup. Then, make a list of ingredients and directions on how to make this soup. Explore the story with the sense of sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch in a graphic organizer. Written to Bloom's Taxonomy; additional crossword, word search, comprehension quiz and answer key are also included.

Other options for picture book literature kits can be found [here](#).

[Website](#)

[Free Bonus Worksheets](#)

[PDF Samples](#) (are available on their website)

Printing Power Student Workbook

Type of Resource: workbook

Description: second-grade students, or those working at that level, master printing with advanced paragraphs, poems, and language arts activities. Features practice pages for advanced printing on a single line.

- Expanded room for writing
- Digital instruction opportunities
- Learn & Check helps teachers and students check letter, word, and sentence skills
- Activity pages combine handwriting instruction with punctuation, paragraph, poem, and language arts activities for practice

[Website](#)

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Supplementary Resources

- [Printing Power Teacher's Guide](#)
- [Key Power](#), the second-grade student program in Keyboarding Without Tears

[PDF Samples](#)

Additional Support (free demos, research, how-to videos, and all of our free online resources available)

Mathematics

Math U See is not mentioned here simply because it is not available from our Curriculum Pick provider(s), although it is a strong option, especially in the primary grades. Math-U-See can be ordered directly from the Canadian Distributor, [Math Canada](#). Place an order by Phone: 250-590-6761 or Toll-Free: 1-888-854-6284.

Option 1: Math Lessons for a Living Education 2

Type of Resource: workbook

Description: teaches math through a blend of stories, copy work, oral narration and hands-on activities, showing how math is used in "real life"---just like a living math book! Thirty-six weeks of instruction guide students through the content, story, and hands-on activities using inexpensive manipulatives provided/made by the parent.

This book is written to be used by teachers and students together. It includes a suggested weekly schedule (30 minutes per lesson, 5 days per week, 36 weeks) with easy-to-manage lessons that include reading, worksheets, and assessments. Pages are perforated and three-hole-punched so that parents can easily tear out, hand-out, and store pages. Students will read the pages in the book and complete the corresponding section provided by the teacher. Assessments are given at regular intervals. Answer keys are available online.

This second-grade resource features the continuing story of twins Charlie and Charlotte, who are learning that life is full of learning opportunities! As students read, they'll be drawn into an adventure that teaches them about numbers, shapes, place value, adding, and subtracting, as well as the seasons, geography, and the love of family. The first 30 lessons have a story about the twins, followed by a lesson taught by Mom or Dad that features hands-on learning.

Covering one year of 2nd-grade math, by the end of the course students will have reviewed addition and subtraction and basic numbers up to 100, and will have learned about word problems, skip counting, money, time, bar & line graphs, basic measurement, place value, regrouping, and more.

[Website](#)

[Placement Test](#)

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[Series Overview Video](#)

[Series Overview Webpage](#)

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources

- [Flash Cards - Addition & Subtraction](#)
- [Practice Makes Perfect Level 2](#)

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Option 2: Singapore Math 2022 Edition 2A and 2B Student Books and Home Instructor Guides

Note: This program is advanced compared to our BC curriculum standards,, making placement tests more important than perhaps other programs. The long term goal would be to complete book 6B by the end of Grade 7. Books should be completed at the student's pace, which means the grade level on the cover may not correspond with the student's actual grade level.

Description: epitomizes what educators love about the Singapore math approach, including the CPA progression, number bonds, bar modeling, and a strong focus on mental math. It's a no-fuss, straightforward program that balances supervised learning and independent practice. The recently released Primary Mathematics 2022 Edition uses the same approach as previous Primary Mathematics editions, but features entirely new content and lesson structures.

[Website](#)

[Placement Tests](#)

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Additional Support: [Singapore Math Live](#) offers instruction, encouragement, and support for parents and students

Option 3: Jump Math New Canadian Edition 2.1 and 2.2 Student Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 2 (Parts 1 and 2)

Type of Resource: workbooks

Description: in conjunction with of JUMP Math's teacher resources, **Student Assessment & Practice (AP) Book 2** is designed to cover the curriculum for Grade 2 mathematics, with units on:

- Number Sense
- Patterns and Algebra
- Geometry
- Measurement
- Probability and Data Management

The New Canadian edition of AP Book 2 is printed in two parts, Book 2.1 and Book 2.2. In order to cover the full curriculum, students will need *both* parts.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** The multi-modal approaches to solving math problems presented in this resource can be a benefit to some students, but other students may find this approach confusing and would be better served with a program that presents a consistent approach to solving problems.

[Website](#)

On pages where there are multiple grade options, choose the correct grade from the dropdown menu.

[Teacher Resource/Lesson Plans](#) (free when you register for an [educator account](#))

Other Optional or Supplementary Resources (register for an [educator account](#) for access)

- [Assessment Checklists, Quizzes, and Tests for Grade 2](#)
- [Curriculum Correlations](#)
- [Digital Lesson Slides for Grade 2](#)

[Sample Pages](#)

Science

The Elementary Teacher's Book of Graphic Organizers, K-5

100 ready-to-use graphic organizers that help elementary students learn

Type of Resource: workbook

Description: graphic organizers are a powerful metacognitive teaching and learning tool. These graphic organizers can be used before learning, during learning, or after learning activities. This resource provides tools to help students understand relationships between facts, terms, and ideas.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** this resource can be utilized where resources do not provide a way to interact with the material presented. Teachers and students can pick and choose organizers that appeal to them and are readily adaptable to the material they are learning. It is a recommended pick for grades 2 - 5 and can be used again year after year.

[Website](#)

Biology

Watch It Grow: Backyard Life Cycles by Barbara Reid

This unit should be done in May when the butterfly larvae are available.

Use this book with one of the "Graphic Organizers" resources mentioned on this page to assist with learning and reinforcing key concepts.

Type of Resource: nonfiction picture book

Description: Barbara Reid's one-of-a kind art brings an engaging exploration of nature to life! Readers young and old will enjoy this introduction to the marvels of the natural world: watching a tadpole hatch from an egg, a caterpillar turn into a butterfly, an acorn become a mighty oak and a glorious sunflower grow from a tiny seed! The book includes graphic illustrations of the four backyard life cycles.

[Preview](#)

Live Butterfly Kit

Live Painted Lady Butterflies can be ordered in March for May delivery. Watch as the butterfly larvae grow through their stages to full-grown butterflies.

Available from [Homeschool Canada](#) or [Canadian Home Education Resources](#)

Salmon Stream (Carol Reed-Jones)

Use this book with one of the "Graphic Organizers" resources mentioned on this page to assist with learning and reinforcing key concepts.

Type of Resource: nonfiction picture book

Description: a poetic yet accurate description of the life cycle of salmon. Fast-paced prose and brilliant illustrations follow the salmon from their form as eggs in a stream to the wide ocean, eventually making a hazardous journey home to their stream of origin. At the back is a section on salmon facts and what makes a good habitat for them, teaching the basics of ecology and why clean streams and waters are so important.

[Website](#)
[Free Activities](#)

Chemistry

Matter & Materials by On the Mark Press (Grades 1-3)

This unit will make up at least half of the overall workload for Grade 2 Science. The other branches of science addressing the other big ideas and content competencies are purposefully not addressed to the same level of depth.

Type of Resource: A workbook designed for classroom instruction so some activities may need to be adapted slightly for a home setting.

Description: What is the world made of? Through hands-on activities and experiments, students will enjoy exploring the world around them as they practise science skills like observing and concluding. Games like "Simon Says" bring the realm of atoms and particles to life, as well as demonstrating solids, liquids, and gases. Students will learn to explain the magic of ice sculptures, gas-powered rockets, and invention.

“ **Note from Curriculum Consultant:** Some of this resource may be review for families who have already addressed properties of matter in Grade 1. If this is the case, please begin on page 38 with the chapter, "Solids, Liquids, and Gases".

[Website and Sample pages](#)

Physics

ScienceWiz Physics Kit

Includes a 40-page science book with materials*. Concepts are covered with time-tested experiments and highly visual illustrations. This kit includes a balance scale for measuring mass and a jet car that really zooms. 24 activities that include:

- Launch bottle rockets
- Perform tricks with inertia
- Stay in motion with a floating hover puck
- Zoom a jet car
- Build your own spring meter
- Spin water upside down
- Assemble and use a balance scale
- Clock a race and accelerate, accelerate, accelerate
- Measure mass

*Also requires common household items.

- [Website](#)

Earth/Space

The Water Cycle: A 4D Book by Catherine Ipcizade

Use this book with one of the "Graphic Organizers" resources mentioned on this page to assist with learning and reinforcing key concepts.

Type of Resource: nonfiction picture book

Description: Lakes evaporate. Clouds form from condensation. Rain falls and fills rivers and lakes. Soak up facts about the water cycle and why we need to keep water clean. Bring augmented reality to your students by downloading the free Capstone 4D app and scanning for access to awesome videos!

[Google Preview](#)

Social Studies

Canada, My Country

Type of Resource: softcover text/workbook

[Video Description](#)

Description: This easy to use, read-aloud text is a delight for both students and teacher. Lessons require minimal preparation but are packed with content, games and activities. Students will grasp the basics of Canadian geography, both physical and political. Chapters on national symbols, government and Canadian freedoms provide the groundwork for future study. Each lesson includes a reproducible activity worksheet.

Topics include: Understanding maps; Canada's physical regions; Symbols; Government; Freedoms; Outstanding Canadians

- Lessons are clearly outlined
- Resource lists with lessons
- Reproducible worksheets now available digitally for original purchasers
- Index

This study requires photos of Canadian landscapes and a physical map.

[Website](#)

[Other Optional or Supplementary Resources](#)

Global Communities (On the Mark Press)

Type of Resource: workbook designed for classroom instruction so some activities may need to be adapted slightly for a home setting.
Description: goals of this resource include having students identify a number of global issues and recognizing the role that Canada and Canadian citizens have played in these issues; using the social studies inquiry process to investigate a variety of responses to the global issues identified and promoting an understanding of the impact on identified regions of the world of Canada's actions and inactions. Includes 19 activities, 9 extension activities, teacher guide and assessments.

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Bible/Christian Studies

Finding God's Promises Student Manual

Type of Resource: workbook

Description: encourage the study of God's Word with this full-colour workbook filled with approachable exercises that teach biblical truth and apply what is taught. The Student Manual includes:

- Engaging Design—full-colour activity pages with original artwork, puzzles, and maps
- Music Curriculum—hymn and chorus lyrics included in the back of the book
- Life Applications—activities to encourage self-reflection and character development

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