



Curricular Big Ideas

READING

- Each child will take part in a **whole group guided reading** group. We use the Pegasus series to instruct students in a whole group. This is a novel based program which we use to teach the reading skills that every 2nd grader needs to know. Also, we use the STARS series to teach individual reading strategies by using short stories and multiple choice questions.
- Each child will also take part in a **small group guided reading** group. The students are grouped based on their individual reading needs. These groups work mostly with comprehension.
- By the end of 2nd grade, every student should be able to read and comprehend a 2nd grade text.

WRITING

- Through Writer's Workshop, the students learn to write. The students will conference with a teacher and work on a specific goal to improve their writing. Sometimes this meeting will be with a group and sometimes I will meet with them individually. We use the 6 + 1 Traits of writing as a guide to teach the students writing at Pleasantdale. It is a common language that all teachers use when teaching writing.
- By the end of 2nd grade, every student should be able to write a well developed paragraph with one idea and specific details.

MATH

- By the end of 2nd grade the students should be able to:
 - Identify numbers to 1,000
 - Compare numbers as being greater than, less than, and equal
 - Count by 2's, 5's, and 10's
 - Describe and interpret graphs
 - Use a ruler to measure something in inches
 - Tell time to the 5 minute
 - Calculate elapsed time
 - Count and identify money up to \$1
 - Add and subtract two digit numbers with and without regrouping
 - Know all addition and subtraction facts up to 18