

About the Teacher



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Mrs. Gierke was born and raised in Bremerton and lives in Belfair. She graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1979. Her husband, Bruce, works as an Infrastructure Support Specialist for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Terri and Bruce have two daughters, Tricia and Kaitlyn. Terri enjoys riding her horse, Smokey, walking her dog, Buttons, and gardening. Terri has been teaching first and second grade for many years and has been at Peace Lutheran School since 2000.

Developmental Characteristics

- Are active, energetic, eager and curious
- Can work for a longer time on tasks before changing or stopping tasks
- Can follow a direction or short series of directions
- Learn new concepts without a great deal of repetition
- Become more responsible for their possessions
- Display behavior that is less impulsive and more controlled
- Obey because rules are sacred and unalterable
- Want to please and cooperate with the teacher and their peers
- Consider actions as either totally right or totally wrong
- Show complete trust in their heavenly Father

Second Grade Goals

1. Work more independently.
2. Improve writing skills and correctly written sentences.
3. Develop an enjoyment of reading.
4. Strengthen and improve computation skills.
5. Be more responsible for and organize belongings.
6. Follow classroom rules.
7. Be able to recognize and rejoice in all that God has done for us.

Behavioral Expectations

1. Be prepared for class
2. Participate in class
3. Follow directions
4. Listen attentively
5. Respect the rights and property of others
6. Use time wisely
7. Complete work carefully and neatly
8. Work with others cooperatively
9. Engage in proper behavior inside and outside of the classroom

Discipline is the process of becoming a follower. It should not be confused with punishment, although at times the discipline process may not seem pleasant. The goal is to teach Christ-pleasing behavior, and this is done as gently as possible while still remaining firm and consistent. Students are expected to treat classmates and all adults with respect, be helpful to others, and learn to encourage one another, appreciating the differences among their

Second Grade Highlights

The second grade classroom is a place for students to get up close and personal to many kinds of animals, such as chinchillas, gerbils, walking sticks, and turtles. Students will study the habitat and life cycle of the salmon. In the fall, they will take a field trip to a local stream for a first-hand look at spawning salmon. In January, they will be able to observe and document salmon eggs as they hatch and grow in the classroom. Before spring break, students will have a guided tour of Clear Creek to release classroom salmon, plant a tree, learn how to check water quality, and observe other stream life. Another second grade highlight is an annual recreation of the Underground Railroad. Students enlist other grades as safe houses and recreate the journey of Harriet Tubman and other slaves to freedom.

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Second Grade Curriculum Overview

Biblical Studies

Students learn many Bible stories during the year. These stories are then applied to everyday situations to encourage students to incorporate Biblical truths into their lives. Students explore ways to live their faith and share the Gospel with others.

Language Arts

Students further develop their ability to use language effectively and correctly. Emphasis is placed on forming complete and correct sentences. Reading skills are improved by reading a variety of stories with phonetic reinforcement. Grammar and Spelling are incorporated in the program.

Math

Students are taught with a spiral/review approach to strengthen the skills already learned while adding new steps, building upon the foundation. Addition and subtraction facts become more automatic, and they learn how to add and subtract double digit problems with and without trading. Students also learn to work with fractions, read thermometers, tell time to the nearest 5 minutes, measure with various units, work with calendars, and understand patterning.

Science

Students study cycles in nature, including seasonal cycles, life cycles, and the water cycle. They study insects, distinguishing characteristics, life cycles, and interaction with people. Also covered is a unit studying the human body (cells, digestive and excretory systems, and care of our bodies). Additionally, the students learn about magnetism and simple machines.

Social Studies

Students learn about our country by studying various regions and different kinds of communities. They learn about natural resources, groups of people, and how people and places change over time. Skills such as reading a map, graphing, and diagramming are also covered. Historical figures who have demonstrated good citizenship are studied as well.

Music

Instruction includes singing, moving, listening, and playing rhythm instruments. Students learn the names of notes and how they relate to the keyboard. They learn about time signatures and try to make rhythm patterns.

Art

Art lessons help students to develop an understanding and appreciation of visual art, reinforcing and expanding their knowledge of the components of art history, aesthetics, criticism, and art production. Hands-on experiences include perspective drawing, landscapes, sponge painting, graphics, and positive/negative paper cuts.

Physical Education

This program builds on skills taught in first grade and increases proficiency and capability. Students become more aware of the value and enjoyment of physical activity and begin using skills in game-like situations.

Foreign Language

Spanish is experienced through song, rhyme, rhythm, and familiar fairy tales in the target language. Spoken and written language are targeted.

Study Skills

Study skills are encouraged by the use of decoding processes when reading, and by learning to utilize their time to complete assignments and projects. They are also encouraged to work in their study without disturbing others.

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