

## Columbia Heights Academy ~ The Keely Family Homeschool Curriculum Notes: Grade 2 (age 5±)

Plan: [Well-Trained Mind](#) classical education, taught secularly with strong math/science component

Objectives: Learn the items listed at [Worldbook Curriculum ~ grade 2](#) and included in [What Your Second Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Second-Grade Education \(The Core Knowledge Series\)](#).

Post: Weekly learning posters and a poem for the week

- Daily schedule: (2½ hours per day 6 days per week)
  - MATH: [Saxon 2](#) with manipulatives ~ 5 lessons/wk  
20 min 5x/wk lesson (time, money, measurement, graphs, geometry, etc.)  
15 min 5x/wk min worksheet  
5 min 5x/wk min arithmetic drill (1-minute math, flash cards, or game)  
40 mins 1x/wk misc activities (games, webs, manipulatives, lib bks)  
plus sometimes [Mindbenders Warm-up](#) or [Scholastic](#) math supplements
  - SCIENCE: [REAL Earth Science](#) (level 1 grade 2) ~ 2 labs/wk  
45 mins 2x/wk for lessons w/ labs  
45 mins 1x/wk for field studies, nature journal, encyclopedias, webs, lib bks, craft projects
  - HISTORY: [Story of the World 2](#) ~ 2 chapters/wk  
45 mins 2x/wk for lessons w/ review questions, narration, maps, colouring  
45 mins 1x/wk for encyclopedias, webs, lib bks, craft projects
  - GEOGRAPHY: [Evan-Moor Daily Geog 2-3](#) ~ 2 chapters per wk  
10 mins 2x/wk including working with globe, atlas, or map
  - GRAMMAR: [First Language Lessons for TWTM](#) (level 2) ~ 3 lessons/wk  
10 min 3x/week for lessons w/ copywork, dictation, narration, memory work  
plus memorize one short poem per month
  - LANGUAGE ARTS: [Spelling Workout C](#) ~ 6 pages/wk  
10 mins 3x/wk for lesson
  - PENMANSHIP/WRITING:  
[Handwriting Without Tears "My Printing Book"](#) ~ 2 pages/wk  
10 mins 1x/wk for lesson  
10 mins 1x/wk for "story starter" writing activity  
10 mins 1x/wk for "book report" writing activity  
plus write letters/cards to family/friends
  - SPELLING: [Sequential Spelling 2](#) ~ 1 list/day  
5 mins 6x/wk (25 words per list)  
including physical games to make spelling lists fun like "spelling slide", "tumble spelling",  
"animal spelling game"  
with written spelling test after 4 lists (self graded)
  - INDEPENDENT READING: chapter books @ 3-5 grade level  
at least 30 mins/day but often 2+ hours!  
Magazines: [Click magazine](#) and [Chickadee magazine](#)

Series read this year included [The Magic School Bus](#), [Nancy Drew](#), [My Secret Unicorn](#), [Geronimo Stilton](#), [A to Z Mysteries](#), ...

- Weekly activities: (3 times per week; approx 5 hrs per week + 5 hrs per week for PE)
  - LITERATURE / READ ALOUDS: books from the library and our personal collection classics, great books, myths, fables, legends, etc. suggestions from [TWTM](#) / [HLYBY](#) / [AO](#) book lists Some of our favourites this year were [The Odyssey](#), [Chaucer's Canterbury Tales](#), [The Children's Shakespeare](#), [Favorite Medieval Tales](#), [Perrault's Fairy Tales](#)
  - FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French (Rosetta Stone through KCLS), Sign Language (12 signs/wk in [Signing](#))
  - MUSIC: instrument - piano [Instant Piano Fun](#) (bks. 1-2); appreciation - [instruments](#), [composers](#)
  - THEATER: improv, 1-act plays, puppet shows, read plays, attend plays
  - ART: [Draw Write Now](#) (vol. 3-4); art appreciation - famous art works, visit museums
  - PE + HEALTH: swim class, tumbling class, HS park days, play with friends
  - [4H Clover Crafters](#) (arts & crafts, socialization, team work, character building, community service)
  - FIELD TRIPS (social science / occupational ed) + virtual FT
  - SCIENCE SUNDAY: experiments (earth science, chemistry, physics) and hands-on activities/kits
  
- Annual estimates:
  - Math: Saxon2 ~ 4 chs / wk ~ 32 wks
  - Science: Real1.2 ~ 2 labs / wk ~ 34 wks
  - History: SOTW2 ~ 2 chs / wk ~ 21 wks
  - Geography: EMDG2 ~ 2 chs / wk ~ 18 wks
  - Grammar: FLL2 ~ 3 chs / wk ~ 33 wks