



# ***International Academy of Saginaw***

## **Breakdown of Classes Per Week**

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### **Grade 2**

**English: 12 Periods.** This includes Reading, Grammar, Composition, Phonics, Handwriting, Spelling, and Vocabulary. Each area is tested and reported separately. On the report card, an average English score will also be reported. It is important to note that this is not a straight average; sub-subjects are weighted differently depending on grade level.

**Reading: 5 Periods.** GINN Reading 360, a leveled reader series is implemented in grade 2 along with the Accelerated Reading Program to help students develop comprehension skills, fluency and a love of reading.

**Math: 8 Periods.** Two and three digit addition and subtraction with trading, multiplication, telling time, counting money, and units of measurement are the main concepts introduced in second grade. Students may need additional practice at home, particularly on math facts up to 18. Multiplication is introduced during Term 3.

**Social Studies: 3 Periods.** We are using a book titled *Some People I Know.* We will always read the material together, and then a worksheet activity may be sent home to review the material. If you have anything to contribute, we would love it!



**Science: 3 Periods.** Science is taught in two sections: Interactions and Systems and Life Cycles. Interactions and Systems will be taught in the first two terms, and Life Cycles will be taught during term three. The SCIS science is a hands-on, experiment-based science program so class participation is vital. Science also includes nutrition and health.

**Physical Education: 1 Period.** Physical education includes various individual and team sports. The emphasis is on lifetime fitness and cooperative play. Throughout the program we promote the values of individual effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

**Music: 2 Periods.** Grade 2 will spend one period per week in music class. The music curriculum includes a study of the eight elements of music: dynamics, rhythm, pitch, tone, color, tempo, texture, form, and style, through singing, listening, visual media, theory games, children's literature, creative movement, and playing classroom instruments.

Art: 1 Period. Students are expected to try their best. Art work is based on drawing and painting from direct observation. Projects are theme based, and although students work individually, their work often contributes to a group project.

Computer: 1 Period. Educational games are played to reinforce concepts we are studying. Some basic introductory skills are taught. Students may have the opportunity to take Accelerated Reading tests during computer class.

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### Behavior

Student code: See Student Handbook.

Gold slips and behavior referrals: See Student Handbook.

### Attendance/Make-up Work

Daily attendance is taken. Tardy arrivals are recorded after the first bell at 8:00 AM. Absent students are held accountable for any work missed.

### Homework

Homework is not assigned in Grade 1. Homework will be suggested to review concepts that students have already worked on in class. If there isn't suggested homework, please read with your child and/or practice math facts every evening.

### Snacks

Snack time occurs during the morning break. Your child should bring a healthy snack and drink each day. Please do not send candy, chips, or pop to school.

### Friday Folders

A folder will be sent home on Fridays containing papers and tests from the week. It will also contain the Weekly Update telling you about what has been happening and what you can look forward to in the days ahead. Folders will be placed in the student's backpack and should be returned to school on Mondays.