



1st & 2nd Grade at a Glance

Granite Core	Available Through GCT Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ English (grammar, writing, phonics) ✓ Social Studies (geography) ✓ Science ✓ Art ✓ Music ✓ Health ✓ Latin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math ✓ Physical Education

What does my child get from tutors on each day at Granite?

Instruction and Supervision:

Classically trained tutors give your student 20 minutes of instruction in 6 of the 8 legally required subjects, plus Latin.

Grammar Stage Teaching Methods:

- Routine: classtimes follow predicatble patterns to facilitate efficient learning
- Repetition: students learn information through repetition of memory songs, chants, recitations, and question-and-answer flows.

Skills and Worldview Building:

- Fine motor skills: tutors emphasize neat handwriting and artwork.
- Public speaking skills: foundations developed through Show and Tell times.
- Classroom behavior: good habits emphasized through obedience to tutor's classroom rules and to GCT's behavior rules.
- Christian worldview: foundations built through scripture memory and emphasis on displaying the fruits of the spirit in behavior.

What does my child need from me on each day at home?

Instruction and Supervision:

- 2 hours per day for GCT core home assignments
- Math instruction
- Spelling instruction

Grammar Stage Teaching Methods:

- Routine: stick to a regular schedule as much as possible.
- Repetition: drill memory work regularly at home. Instructions for memory work will be given on home assignments. Don't neglect this important reinforcement of classical learning!

Skills and Worldview Building:

- Fine motor skills: emphasize neatness in work to reinforce skills built at GCT.
- Playtime: Children naturally develop gross motor skills and creativity through free play.
- Verbal skills: build language and reading skills by reading aloud to your child and allowing lots of free reading time.
- Independent learning: your student needs careful supervision at this age, but you can lay the foundation for later independent learning by teaching your child diligence and perseverance when learning is difficult.
- Christian worldview: Feel free to add to the memory work GCT assigns and choose additional scriptures and catechisms to work on at home. Your student is capable of lots of memorization at this age!