

**2nd/3rd Literature:**  
*2nd and 3rd Grade*  
Course Syllabus  
2026-2027

**Course Objectives:**

- Engage students in pieces of literature while instilling a love for reading
- Develop higher level thinking skills that allow students to think beyond the text
- Introduce students to literary elements such as plot, character, setting, problem and solution
- Learn to engage with literature academically and creatively

**Course Components:**

- Pre-reading and post-reading activities
- Vocabulary work
- Oral comprehension work
- Several times throughout the year a book project will be assigned.
- Homework: Students will have homework if the instructor determines it will benefit the child's understanding of the book(s) being read/discussed in class. Several projects will be assigned throughout the school year as a culminating task upon completion of books.

**Resources:**

Books will be chosen from *Lightning Literature Grade 2 Curriculum*. **You do not need to purchase the books unless noted in student materials.** Most are also available through the York County Library System and read alouds for most books are also available on YouTube.

**Books will likely include, but aren't limited to:**

- Virginia Lee Burton Author Study (picture books)
  - Books by Virginia Lee Burton to include:
    - Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
    - The Little House
    - Katy and the Big Snow
- Jan Brett Author Study (picture books)
  - Mossy
  - Honey, Honey, Lion!
  - The Three Snow Bears
  - Cozy
- Norah Dooley Book Study (picture books) integrated with cooking/culture activities
  - Everybody Cooks Rice
  - Everybody Bakes Bread
  - Everybody Serves Soup
  - Everybody Brings Noodles

- The Siamese Kittens and the Christmas Hedgehog by Michael A.G. Haykin and Chris Iliff
- The Hawk of the Castle by Danna Smith (picture book)
- Cubs in the Tub by Candace Fleming (picture book)
- Crow Boy by Taro Yashima (picture book)
- Noodles on a Bicycle by Kyo Maclear (picture book)
- The King's Cadets and Little Joe by Joe Sutphin and Kevan Chandler
- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

### **Student Materials**

- A blue pocket folder labeled "Literature"
- Fully stocked pencil case- crayons, colored pencils, 3 #2 pencils, 2 glue sticks, scissors
- The Siamese Kittens and the Christmas Hedgehog by Michael A.G. Haykin and Chris Iliff
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- \$23.25 payable to Korie Snyder via cash, check or Venmo. A reading journal and a reading comprehension trifold resource (links below) will be provided to each student to be used alongside some texts
  - [Elementary Reading Journal \(Homeschool Reading Curriculum\)](#)
  - [Elementary Reading Guide Safari Trifold](#)