



Miss Emma Herr is shown above with her second graders in the John Beck School. She is conducting the class in the

fundamentals of arithmetic, another important subject in the second grade curriculum.

## Reading Is Most Important In Second Grade Curriculum

As was true in first grade, the importance of readiness cannot be over-emphasized. The degree of readiness determines the time, the way and the amount of activities that will be taught. A child is only ready for second grade reading after he has mastered the skills of first grade level reading. He needs to be successful at that level. He needs to be physically and psychologically ready for second grade. Second grade teachers do not wait passively for this development. They provide readiness experiences for the children, and are ever aware of the child as a

person, his limitations, his accelerations. Teachers also continue to provide for visual and auditory discrimination, likenesses, and differences. It does not seem possible that after all the teaching of kindergarten and first grade that there are some children who need more teaching on the matter of left to right, top to bottom, front to back, listening for understanding, following directions, and sequence of events. All reading must be developed to the degree and according to the needs of each pupil. In other subject areas and of-

ten in reading the class works together as a unit in the use of pictures, records, films, poetry, creative writing, labeling, experience charts, library activities, bulletin boards, news, calendars, letters, cards, trips, dramatizations and games. However it should be understood that many skills can best be developed in small groups.

This allows for refinement and appreciation for the faster moving children and for thoroughness for the slower moving. Some of the teachers incorporate an individualized reading program as well. Practically all

the second grades use additional supplementary readers.

Beginning in September of the child's second year in school a variance in readiness occurs. Some pupils have been reading all summer. They have been going to the library or to Bible School or to Sunday School. Others have not looked at a book or paper since June. The first group is confident of success. The second group has forgotten much. Coming back to school means meeting old book friends and so the second grade teacher gives the children the opportunity of reading the simple preprimers, primers and first readers. This establishes a review of the 78 initial preprimer vocabulary and 104 primer words and the 206 words of the first reader.

It is at this point that teachers test the children individually for word recognition and comprehension. Many authorities test on a representative 20 words for each level but most of the second grade teachers feel that the test for preprimer and primer level should be on 100% of the words. This is a flash test. If the child knows 80 to 85% of the words he needs to review at that level. If he knows 75% or less of the words it indicates that he needs instruction at that level. Even though there are other tests given this test is basic. It is recognized and recommended by the Lancaster County Reading Center.

By Thanksgiving the average second grade has the advanced group working in a second grade reader, a middle group in a first reader and the slow learners in a primer level. There are often one or two pupils who need to go slower and are in a preprimer level.

The basic second grade reader is called ALL THROUGH THE YEAR published by Harper & Row. Each presentation unit is followed by an absorption unit. There are many self-help pages and activities plus a

fine workbook plus duplicating masters giving the children mastery of 249 more words and many skills. The developmental reader is followed by a strand 2 reader called FROM FINNS TO FEATHERS which is a subject area reader and has more than 300 new words. This is an excellent series. Second grade teachers encourage library reading and creative writing. They use extensively duplicating masters on phonics and on thinking skills by Dr. Maney.

The English Curriculum provides skills and knowledge which are developed in the practical application of basic principles. The use of capital letters, periods, question marks, sentences, paragraphs, alphabetical order, nouns, pronouns, verbs, and helping words in creative writing and skill exercises are the forms of instruction.

Formal spelling is taught by the weekly unit plan. Our test is GOALS OF SPELLING by McGraw & Hill. Words are presented one day. They are analyzed and used and then on the fifth day the pupils are tested. Much spelling is taught as the skills in reading are developed.

Science involves observation, reading and experimentation. Concepts of the earth and its movements in relation to day and night and the seasons are developed. There are lessons on principles of work, materials and magnets. There are units on plants, animals, migration and food. Weather and its study offers opportunities for the use of scientific processes.

The Social Studies program is geared to meet the needs of the individual pupil. The goal is to have the children learn to live together with a feeling of good will toward others, respecting others opinions, and respecting property, both public and private. They should learn self control. They need to accept the responsibility that should be theirs as a citizen of the school, the community, and the country. Some of this is accomplished through the study of community helpers and community activities and organizations. An observation and study of holidays gives the children an appreciation of their heritage. The study of current events gives them an awareness and understanding of today's problems and a glimpse of the future. There is no textbook but a weekly newspaper is provided. There are many fine filmstrips and records available.

### ● Farm Calendar (Continued from Page 1)

- 7:30 p.m.—Garden Spot 4-H Community Club Meeting. Hans Herr Elementary School, Lampeter
- 8:00 p.m.—Lancaster Co Poultry Assn Meet., Farm & Home Center.
- 8:00 p.m.—West Lampeter Young Farmer Meeting, (corn production) School Vo-Ag room.

### PORK CHOPS, LAMB CHOPS

A bit of flavor and nice rosy color come from paprika added to pork chops when they're dredged in seasoned flour. Make certain the heat is low if you're cooking them on a surface unit and no water or other liquid need be added.

Lamb chops take on an exotic air if they're marinated before cooking. For four to five shoulder lamb chops, mix one-third cup oil, one-third cup soy sauce and one-fourth cup lemon juice. Let the chops refrigerate in this mixture about two hours, turning once or twice, then broil. For this have the chops three inches from heat and allow six to eight minutes on the first side and four to five minutes on the second side.

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