

**2nd Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**DVD title: Cinderella (DVD)**

**Author:** Disney

**Main characters:** Cinderella, Stepmother, Stepsisters Anastasia and Drizella, King, Prince

**Executive summary:** A girl named Cinderella is mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, but she remains kind and optimistic that someday she will have a better life, and she does.

**Detailed summary:** Once in a peaceful kingdom there lived a beautiful girl named Cinderella. Her mother died and she was raised by her father. Her father felt she needed a mother, so he remarried. The woman he married had two daughters**,** Anastasia and Drizella. When Cinderella’s father died, her stepmother treated her very cruelly. She was jealous of Cinderella’s beauty since her own daughters, Anastasia and Drizella, were plain and awkward. Cinderella became their servant. Despite their terrible treatment of her, Cinderella was kind and respectful to those around her. She was optimistic that she would one day have a happy life again.

The animals in and around the house were Cinderella’s friends, especially the mice. Two mice named Jack and Gus were her favorites. In the house was a cat named Lucifer, who was very mean. Lucifer tried to kill the mice, and he only feared the dog, named Bruno. Cinderella was kind to Bruno, and tried to teach him to be kind to Lucifer. She told Bruno that there must be something good about Lucifer, but Bruno still didn’t get along with Lucifer. Part of Cinderella’s chores was to care for all the animals. Her other chores included cleaning, cooking, laundry, sewing and gardening. Continued on Back

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At the castle the king wanted his son, the prince, to find a wife to give him grandchildren. So he made plans to throw a ball where his son could find a wife. A royal command was sent throughout the land for every eligible maiden to attend the ball. Anastasia and Drizella were excited about going to the ball. Cinderella wanted to go too. Her stepmother told her if she got all her work done and had something suitable to wear, Cinderella could go to the ball.

Cinderella planned to alter a dress that used to belong to her mother, but the stepsisters and her stepmother kept her so busy with chores all day, she had no time to work on the dress. The mice felt sorry for Cinderella and made the alterations for her. When it was time to go to the ball, Cinderella thought she had nothing to wear. The mice surprised her with the dress, but when the stepsisters saw that her dress was more beautiful than their dresses, they ripped it to shreds. Then they left for the ball, without Cinderella.

Cinderella had never been so sad. She no longer believed that her dreams could come true. Then her fairy godmother showed up, and with a magic wand turned a pumpkin into a carriage, the mice into horses, and the horse into a coachman. Then she waved her wand and Cinderella’s dress turned into a beautiful gown and her old shoes became glass slippers. The fairy Godmother warned that at the last stroke of midnight, everything would change back.

At the ball the prince was not interested in any of the girls. That made the king frustrated. When Cinderella arrived, she immediately captured the prince’s attention. The prince and Cinderella danced and fell in love, though Cinderella did not yet know that he was the prince. Nobody knew who Cinderella was, but the king was very happy to see his son had fallen in love.

When the clock began to strike midnight, Cinderella ran off, leaving behind one of her glass slippers. Everything changed back to what it was before, except Cinderella was still wearing the other glass slipper.

The prince longed to find the beautiful girl he fell in love with at the ball, but he didn’t even know her name. The King ordered his duke to take the glass slipper to every maiden in the kingdom. The girl whose foot fit the slipper would be the prince’s bride.

When the Duke came to Cinderella’s house, her stepmother locked her in her room and put the key in her pocket. Anastasia and Drizella tried the slipper on, but it did not fit. Meanwhile Jack and Gus carefully removed the key from the stepmother’s pocket and carried it up the stairs to Cinderella. Lucifer tried to stop them, but Brono chased Lucifer away.

The Duke was about to leave when Cinderella came down the stairs to try on the slipper. The Duke slipped and broke the glass slipper. Cinderella said it was alright, because she had the other slipper. She put it on her foot, and it fit! Cinderella and the prince got married and lived happily ever after.