

The Guide to Second Grade

This guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of 2nd Grade in Math and English Language Arts. It focuses on key skills your child will learn in these subjects, which will build a strong foundation for success in the other subjects he or she studies throughout the school year. This guide is based on the new Common Core State Standards, which have been adopted by more than 40 states.

Math

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Add and subtract within 20.
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication.

Number and Operations in Base Ten

- Understand place value.
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

Measurement and Data

- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- Relate addition and subtraction to length.
- Work with time and money.
- Represent and interpret data.

Geometry

- Reason with shapes and their attributes.

Reading

- Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.
- Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.
- Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
- Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
- Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
- Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Second Grade is an exciting but challenging year for students. It is a year for adjustments. The students will be asked to be more independent and will be required to do a lot of things on their own. There will be homework almost every night and your child may need your assistance. Homework should not take your child more than 20-30 minutes a night. Occasionally, your child will be assigned an “At Home Project”. Your child will be receiving grades in Language Arts, Reading and Math. Even though they will not be receiving grades in Science and Social Studies, it will be a focus in the classroom. Second Grade is an amazing year and, as teachers, we enjoy watching each student grow physically, emotionally, and academically throughout the year!

Sincerely,
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