

Your child will be expected to know the words below. They are known as "sight words" because many of the words cannot be sounded out. Your child will also learn new words from his or her reading story each week.

SECOND GRADE SIGHT WORDS

always	gave	these
around	goes	those
because	green	upon
been	its	us
before	made	use
best	many	very
both	off	wash
buy	or	which
call	pull	why
cold	read	wish
does	right	work
don't	sing	would
fast	sit	write
first	sleep	your
five	tell	
found	their	

How Can You Help Your Child?

1. Read with your child every day. Read aloud to your child and ask him or her to read to you.
2. After you read a book together, ask your child questions like who, what, when, where, why and how about the text.
3. Talk about the meanings of new words your child sees or hears.
4. Practice sight words.
5. Visit the library often. Allow your child to pick books that interest him or her.
6. Practice basic addition and subtraction facts with your child.
7. Make math meaningful by finding real-world math problems in your daily life. Use everyday objects for counting, sorting, and solving problems.
8. Ask questions that require mathematic thinking: estimation, greater/less than, basic addition and subtraction problems.
9. Play math games with cards or dice to build counting and thinking skills. (Example: quickly add the numbers on 2 dice or 2 playing cards).
10. Have your child explain the relationship between numbers without counting. (Example: 147 is 100 more than 47 and 3 less than 50).
11. Review communication that comes home each night from your child's teacher.
12. Keep a box filled with school supplies at home. Important supplies to have on hand are: kid-friendly scissors, pencils, a pencil sharpener, erasers, crayons or colored pencils, glue stick and paper.

When school starts, if you have a concern about your child's progress or development, speak with your child's teacher.



A Guide for Families

Second grade is an exciting year filled with new experiences. This guide will assist you in helping your child prepare for second grade and throughout the school year. Enclosed are lists of the most important skills for students to gain **by the end of their year** in second grade.



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By the end of second grade, your child will be expected to...

READING SKILLS

- ◆ Read and comprehend informational and literary text in 2nd-3rd grade complexity range.
- ◆ Know and apply 2nd grade skills to sound out and analyze words.
- ◆ Read with accuracy and fluency (appropriate pace and expression):
1st Term Goal: 79 words per minute
2nd Term Goal: 100 words per minute
3rd Term Goal: 108 words per minute
4th Term Goal: 117 words per minutes

Literary Text

- ◆ Ask and answer questions like *who, what, when, where, why and how* about key details.
- ◆ Use information from illustrations and text.
- ◆ Compare and contrast most important points in two texts.

Informational Text

- ◆ Ask and answer questions like *who, what, when, where, why and how* about key details.
- ◆ Identify main topic of multi-paragraph text and specific focus
- ◆ Describe connections between two individuals, events or information
- ◆ Determine and clarify meanings of words and phrases.

WRITING SKILLS

- ◆ Write opinion, informative/ explanatory, and narrative pieces.
- ◆ Focus on topics and adds details.
- ◆ Use digital tools to publish writing.
- ◆ Recall or gather information.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- ◆ Demonstrate understanding of grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
- ◆ Understand figurative language, word relationships, and words with multiple meanings.
- ◆ Use acquired words and phrases.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

- ◆ Participate in collaborative conversations.
- ◆ Ask and answer questions.
- ◆ Describe familiar people, places, things, and events with details.
- ◆ Add drawings or visuals to clarify.

MATH SKILLS

- ◆ Add and subtract within 100; masters facts within 20.
- ◆ Understand place value: ones, tens, and hundreds.
- ◆ Count within 1,000; skip count by 5s, 10s, and 100s.
- ◆ Read and write numbers to 1,000: base-ten, names, and expanded form.
- ◆ Organize, represent, and interpret data with picture and bar graphs.
- ◆ Order objects' lengths.
- ◆ Measure objects with appropriate tools and different units.
- ◆ Tell & write time to 5 minute using analog/digital clocks.
- ◆ Recognize and draw shapes with specified attributes.
- ◆ Partition shapes into halves, thirds, fourths, and quarters.

SOCIAL SKILLS and WORK HABITS

- ◆ Follow school rules.
- ◆ Pay attention during class.
- ◆ Follow instructions well.
- ◆ Work well independently.
- ◆ Work collaboratively with others.
- ◆ Respect rights and property of others.
- ◆ Accept responsibility for actions.

