

What Your Child Will Learn in Second Grade

Grade 2 Learning Guide

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A guide to the skills typically taught and practiced during second grade.

Child's Name: _____

School Year: _____



Reading & Literature

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Read grade-level texts with accuracy and fluency
- Use context clues to figure out unknown words
- Identify the main idea and key details
- Describe characters, setting, and plot
- Make and confirm predictions
- Compare and contrast texts
- Distinguish between fiction and nonfiction
- Identify the author's purpose
- Use text features (table of contents, headings, maps, etc.)
- Ask and answer questions about what they read

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Writing

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Write complete and varied sentences
- Use correct capitalization and punctuation
- Write a well-organized paragraph
- Write narratives with a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Write informative/explanatory pieces about a topic
- Write opinion pieces and support with reasons
- Use descriptive words (adjectives and adverbs)
- Revise and edit their writing
- Use correct spelling strategies
- Write neatly and use proper spacing

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Phonics & Spelling

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Review short and long vowel patterns
- Decode multisyllable words (closed, open, vowel teams, r-controlled, etc.)
- Read and spell common vowel teams (ai, ay, ee, ea, oa, ow, etc.)
- Recognize and use common prefixes and suffixes
- Read and spell words with irregular spelling patterns
- Build spelling patterns and word families
- Learn and use grade-level sight words
- Use spelling rules and strategies in writing

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Grammar & Language

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs
- Use pronouns correctly
- Identify and use common and proper nouns
- Form and use singular and plural nouns
- Use *and*, *but*, *or*, *so*, *because* in sentences
- Use past, present, and future verb tenses
- Identify and use quotation marks in dialogue
- Identify and use commas in a series
- Recognize and correct run-on and fragment sentences
- Use grade-level vocabulary in speaking and writing

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Mathematics

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Read, write, and compare numbers to 1,000
- Understand hundreds, tens, and ones
- Skip-count by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s
- Use place value and strategies to add and subtract within 1,000
- Solve one- and two-step word problems
- Understand and use even and odd numbers
- Understand and use multiplication as repeated addition
- Understand and use division as sharing and grouping
- Identify and work with fractions (halves, thirds, fourths)
- Tell and write time to the nearest five minutes
- Identify coins and bills, count money amounts, and solve simple money problems
- Measure length, weight, and capacity using standard units
- Identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes and their attributes
- Collect, represent, and interpret data using graphs
- Recognize, create, and extend patterns

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Science

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Ask questions and make observations
- Plan and conduct simple investigations
- Understand plants, animals, habitats, and life cycles
- Explore properties of matter and physical changes
- Observe weather and seasons
- Learn about Earth materials and natural resources
- Record observations using drawings, charts, or simple data
- Share results and conclusions

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Social Studies

Introduced Practicing Mastered

- Understand families, communities, and local government
- Learn map and globe basics
- Identify landforms and bodies of water
- Understand history through timelines and important people/events
- Learn basic economics (goods, services, producers, consumers)
- Recognize rules, rights, responsibilities, and citizenship
- Explore cultures and traditions
- Understand how people live and work together

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We teach for
understanding, not speed.



Every new skill rests
on a foundation the child
can understand and use.

