

WELCOME TO SECOND GRADE!

Sweet Apple Elementary



As a Second Grade Team we have found these topics to be the Top 5 BEST ways to prepare your upcoming Second Grader for success!

- Fact Fluency to 20
- Independent Stamina
- Basic Math Exposure
- Problem Solving Skills
- Writing Foundational Skills

Watch out
SECOND
GRADE
Here I come!



Fact Fluency to 20:

Math fact fluency in Second Grade is the ability to quickly recall addition and subtraction math facts through conceptual learning, fact strategies, and memorization. Your child in Second Grade will be working with three-digit addition and subtraction (with and without regrouping). Having fluency within numbers to 20 is a crucial step in being able to add and subtract larger numbers.

Here are some ideas of how to help build this fluency at home:

- Flashcards- it's the old fashioned way, but we promise it works!
- Problem of the Day- post it on the door of the fridge or in the car.
- Online Games and Apps

Example: [Rocket Math](#)- can be played online or is available in App form. Another great App is [Sushi Monster](#).



Independent Stamina: Your child will be expected to work independently throughout the day each day of the week.

These tasks may be paper/pencil, on devices, reading/writing projects.

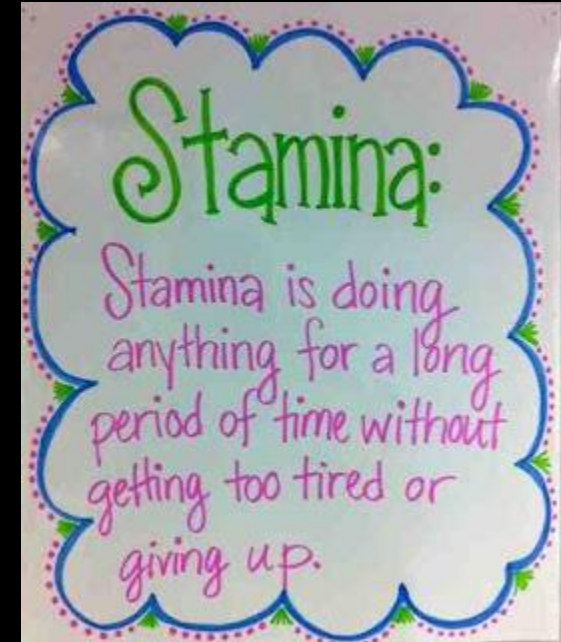
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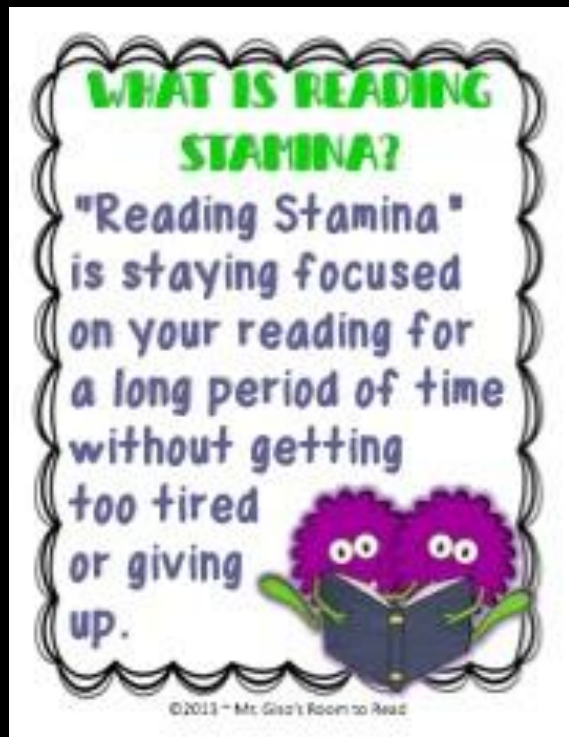
2 hours and 25 Minutes of ELA

1 Hour and 05 Minutes of Math

Graded Activities often come from independent work assignments.

A great way to practice this is to give them a task, have them repeat the directions to you, and set a timer for work. Let them know you will check in on them when the timer goes off and assess their progress.

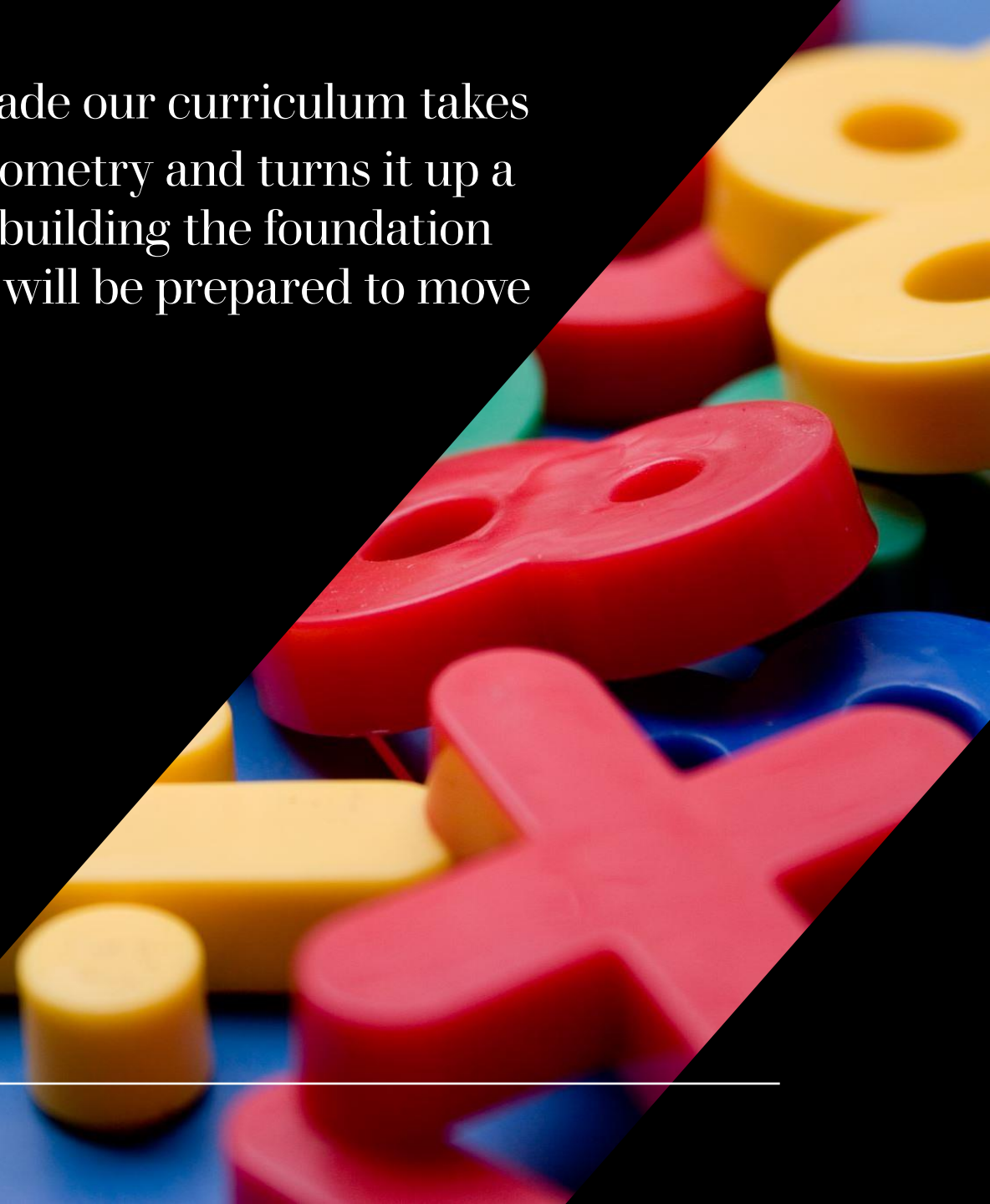




- Reading stamina is a child's ability to focus and read independently for long-ish periods of time without being distracted or without distracting others. Here is a [great article](#) of how you can practice this at home.
 - You can even track your child's progress using this [printable chart](#)!
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Basic Math Exposure: In Second Grade our curriculum takes your child's basic knowledge of coins, time, and geometry and turns it up a notch. To make this jump easier you can continue building the foundation they have built in Kindergarten and 1st Grade they will be prepared to move on.

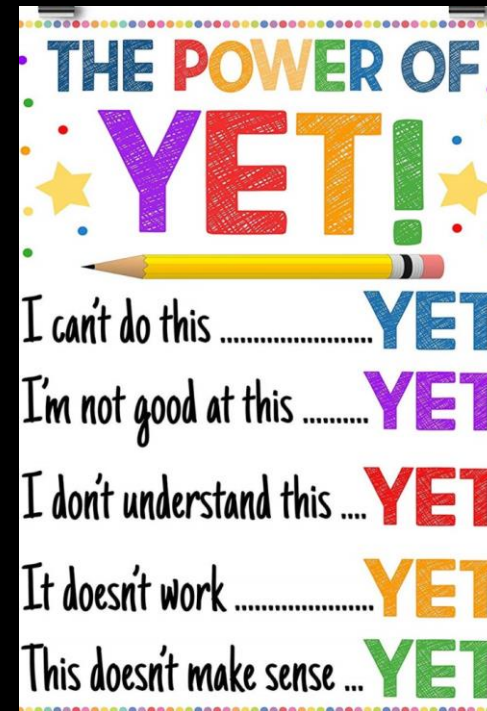
- Practice these things frequently:
- Time to the Hour and Half Hour- Ask your child to tell you what time it is or write out their daily schedule! We will learn elapsed time and time to the five-minute increments.
- Coins- Have your child identify, count, and/or sort coins. They will use coins for counting and solving word problems in Second Grade. They have exposure to Dimes and Pennies but will need to know the name and value of all coins, as well as recognize them in photos and manipulatives.
- Shapes- Our curriculum does not explicitly teach 2D and 3D shapes. Your student needs to be able to identify these shapes by sight and name. They will add new vocabulary in Second Grade. Examples: Polygon, Quadrilateral, Parallel Lines.



Problem Solving Skills

With a new grade level comes new academic challenges!

- Second Grade can be tough at times for all students. Even if school has been easy for your child up to this point, they may have skills that challenge them.
- Encouraging them to persevere, have a positive attitude, and ask for help is important.
- Also, discussing and practicing at home the difference between “I can’t” and “I don’t want to” is a part of being a good Problem Solver. Unfortunately, we all have things we do not want to do. However, giving it our best and doing work we can be proud of is important to being successful.



TRY 3, THEN ME!

1. LOOK AROUND YOU



2. ASK A FRIEND



3. RE-READ DIRECTIONS



Problem Solving Skills

With a new grade level and classroom setting comes new social challenges.

- Your child may begin the year feeling like they have “no friends” in their classroom. Keep in mind this is only the second class change they have had since Kindergarten. Give them time to adjust. They will make new friends, and still have time to play/socialize with their old classroom friends.
- Socially your child will be expected to understand reporting versus tattling. This also means your child will use their SSS Lessons and Counseling Sessions to help them solve problems on their own.



Foundational Writing Skills

- Your child will be expected to:
- Use clear, legible handwriting. This includes using capital and lowercase letters appropriately. Also, they need to begin correcting reversals. Example: no longer mixing up b and d.
- Begin sentences with capital letters and use punctuation at the end of their sentences.
- Use appropriate spacing between their words.
- Apply phonics skills and word walls to help with spelling.
- Your child will have access once school begins to Learning.com for typing practice.



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