



Parents' Guide to Second Grade Learning Targets for Reading, Writing, and Mathematics



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~ Reading ~

By the end of Second Grade your child should be able to:

- Understand the sounds in words and the letters that represent those sounds.
- Recognize that words have meaning and are made from sounds that are blended together.
- Recognize and decode words with letter-sound clues such as:
 - long and short vowels (a, e, i, o, and u)
 - irregular vowels (ei, ie, ea, and ue)
 - consonant digraphs (th, ch, sh, wh, and ph)
- Identify / read all high frequency words.
- Use reading strategies and clues from a story to read and understand an unknown word.
- Orally read with expression; use punctuation (pause at commas and stop at periods)
- Categorize words into groups such as compound words, contractions, synonyms, antonyms, etc.
- Identify words that have multiple meanings.
- Connect story events, characters, or actions to real-life experiences.
- Identify characters, setting, events, problem, solution, and main idea within a story.
- Retell the correct sequence of events within a story.
- Summarize a story using main idea and supporting details

Reading Activities to do at Home

Good readers can unlock the puzzle of print and enter a joyful world of reading.

- **Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day.**
- Use magnetic letters to make words.
- Discuss books with your child by asking:
 - Where was the setting? Who were the characters? What was the problem?
- Play "I Spy" with your child (Say "I see something that begins with the sound /w/" and have them find the object.)



~ Writing ~

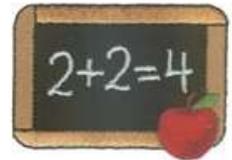
By the end of Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- Write personal stories that include characters, setting, problems, and events in sequential order.
- Write complete sentences using correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Use the writing process to correct their own writing (drafting, proofreading, and revising).
- Develop a purpose for writing (persuasive, informative, narrative).

Writing Activities to do at Home

- Provide a variety of writing tools for your child (pencils, markers, crayons, and colored pencils).
- Encourage your child to write everyday for different purposes such as letters, stories, and notes.

~ Mathematics ~



By the end of Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- Develop quick recall of basic addition and subtraction facts.
- Add and subtract multi-digit whole numbers.
- Use centimeter and inches to measure objects.
- Group numbers into ones, tens, and hundreds.
- Identify geometric shapes such as sphere, cylinder, cube, rectangular prism & square pyramid.
- Count money to \$1.00 using pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.
- Write and identify numbers up to 1000.
- Compare numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to.

Mathematic Activities to do at Home

Children enjoy mathematics because it relates to real life objects and situations.

- Play "I Spy" using geometric shapes or numbers.
- Measure different household objects using centimeters or inches.
- Practice addition and subtraction facts by using flash cards.
- Count the change you get when you are out shopping.