

# Parent Guide to Grade 2 Standards



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## READING

### What should my child learn in Grade 2?

#### Decoding

- Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels.
- Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes.
- Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.

#### Fluency

- Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.
- Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.

#### Vocabulary

- Learn and use new words, including words related to specific subjects (such as science words).
- Determine the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix is added to a known word (e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).
- Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.

#### Comprehension

- Describe characters in a story and how their actions contribute to events.
- Read texts about history, social studies, or science, and answer questions about what they learned.
- Refer to information from illustrations such as maps or pictures as well as the words in a text to support their answers.

### How Can I Help My Child Learn at Home?



- 1 Read to your child and have him or her read to you every day for at least 15 minutes.
- 2 Provide time and space for your child to read independently that is free from distractions.
- 3 Ask your child what topics, events, or activities he or she likes. Look for books, magazines, or other materials about topics that would motivate your child to read.
- 4 Be sure your child has a library card. Children should select books that interest them to develop a passion for reading.
- 5 Use technology to build your child's interest in reading. Students can read books or articles online at many websites. The computer will help with words the student cannot read independently.



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The MPS Ambitious Instruction Plan strengthens core instruction and builds a strong foundation across academic areas with a focus on mastery of **reading**, **writing**, and **mathematics** skills.

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