

# Parent Guide to Grade 2 Standards



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## WRITING

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

- Write opinion pieces introducing a topic or book and state an opinion, provide reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- Write informational texts that introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- Write narratives that recount an event or short sequence of events; include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings; use transition words to signal event order; and provide a sense of closure.
- Focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).

### Writing Conventions

- Capitalize proper nouns.
- Use commas in greetings and closings of letters.
- Use apostrophes in contractions and to show possession.
- Spell using patterns.

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



- Provide time and space for your child to practice writing (free from distractions such as television).
- Write with your child often—recipes, postcards, birthday cards, or letters to family members or friends.
- Create a business card or letter for your child to introduce himself or herself to the teacher.
- Have your child help you write the grocery list or to-do list for the day.
- Write poems, books, and short stories about topics that interest your child.
- Use technology to help build your child's interest in writing. There are several websites where students can “publish” online writing.



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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.