

2nd Grade Curriculum

Spelling / Vocabulary

1st Semester

2nd graders study short and long vowel sounds, identifying and using word clusters, putting words in alphabetical order and word definitions. They will work with words in context and word recognition. In grade 2, students will work on analogies, homophones, compound words, multiple-meaning words and antonyms. They will recognize and use similes, synonyms, sound words and reading vocabulary. During the first semester, 2nd graders will also work with consonants, digraphs, diphthongs and double consonants.

Reading / Decoding

2nd graders will analyze a characters feeling and actions, be able to follow directions-orally and written, recognize important details, sequencing, and prediction of outcomes and summarize. They understand the different purposes for reading and listening to specific selections. Students read and write independently and regularly for fluency. They read and recognize a variety of genres, do story mapping and use phonetic and decoding techniques.

Grammar

2nd graders write with increasing independence and learn abbreviation, punctuation marks verb and noun usage. They recognize parts of sentences and compose sentences with increasing complexity and elaboration.

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2nd Semester

By the 2nd semester, students have the ability to review compound words and recognize consonants. The students will use inflections and recognize spelling changes when ed, es and ing are added. Students continue working with reading vocabulary and vowels. They will also work with homophones, onomatopoeia, dialogue words and rhyming words.

Reading / Decoding

Students will read with increasing understanding. They recognize cause and effect, compare and contrast stories, texts and ideas. They start recognizing context clues and main idea with ease. They will be able to self-monitor during reading of self-selected stories as well as assigned books, texts.

Grammar

2nd grade students should be able to revise and edit their own work with increasing success. Vocabulary becomes more sophisticated and they will use reference books to edit and correct writing. Students will work in depth with contractions, descriptive words, pronouns, verb agreements and helping verbs. They will continue practicing penmanship and will start learning and using cursive.