

2nd GRADE

Dear Parents,

We are having a great year in second grade! Here are some strategies, resources, and questions you can use with your second grader at home to help ensure his or her success.

Reading & Writing

Vocabulary to Know:

- Consonant Blends
- Vowel Patterns
- Fiction
- Poetry
- Context Clues
- Prefix
- Suffix
- Character
- Setting
- Plot
- Conflict
- Resolution
- Apostrophes
- Contractions
- Possessives

Writing in Second Grade:

- Start a journal: Use it to remember the trips, weekends, and special times your family has spent together. Your child can both write and illustrate the journal — in fact, you can pick a favorite entry from the journal and work with your child to write a longer piece or story about that event, illustrating it with photographs or drawings.

Tip for Parents: One More Time with Feeling

- When your child has sounded out an unfamiliar word, have him or her re-read that sentence. Often kids are so busy figuring out a word they lose the meaning of what they've just read.

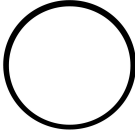
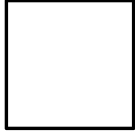

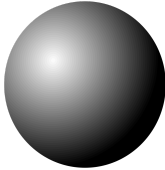
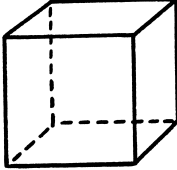

Questions to ask your child while he/she is reading:

- What does (character) think about (event)? How do you know?
- What was the conflict in this story? What is the resolution?
- How did (character) solve the conflict?
- What happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- How does (character) feel at this part of the story? How do you know?
- How is (character) different at the end of the story then at the beginning?
- How are the illustrations and the words about the setting the same? How are they different?

Math

Vocabulary to Know:

- Calendar
- Past
- Future
- Day
- Week
- month
- Ordinal numbers
- Pattern
- Core
- Repeating pattern
- Growing pattern
- Symmetry
- Line of symmetry
- Circle
- Sphere
- Square
- Cube
- Rectangle
- Rectangular Prism

		
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Skills to Practice:

- Count and identify ordinal position
- Identifying how circles/sphere, square/cube, rectangle/rectangular prism are alike and different
- Drawing lines of symmetry in figures
- Collect, organize, & represent data in pictographs and bar graphs
- Predict outcomes from probability experiments
- Identify, describe, & extend patterns

	<p style="text-align: center;">Math (continued)</p> <p>Tip for Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask your child about what he/she is learning in math. Have him/her show you some examples of what is being done in class. • Have your child create a calendar for the month and add important family events. Throughout the month, question your child about the information on the calendar <p>Questions to ask your child about math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are a circle & sphere alike? Different? • How are a square and cube alike? Different? • How are a rectangle and rectangular prism alike? Different?
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Vocabulary to Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather • Storms • Precipitation • Weather data • Thermometer • Rain Gauge • Weather Vane • Seasons • Dormancy • Weathering • Erosion • Migrate • Hibernate <p>Hands-On Learning at Home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have your child journal or discuss the seasonal weather patterns and local variations they observe at home. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Social Studies</p> <p>People & Vocabulary to Know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Columbus • Columbus Day • Elections • Vote • Veteran's Day (November 11) • Thanksgiving Day • The Powhatan of the Eastern Woodlands • The Lakota of the Plains • The Pueblo Indians of the Southwest <p>Library Book Recommendations to Read to Your Child:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is Veteran's Day</i>, Written by Elaine Landau
<p style="text-align: center;">Important Dates to Remember:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>November 25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>December 21- January 1 Winter Break</p> <p>February 2 End of First Semester</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>December 18 Early Release Day</p> <p>January 18 MLK Holiday</p> <p>February 3 Non-Instructional Day</p> </div> </div>	