

2nd Grade Learning Standards

Language Arts

The Language Arts program develops students into effective communicators through a variety of reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. Students will continue to build reading, writing, and vocabulary skills through the phonics program. Students will be given an exposure to a variety of reading materials; fiction, non-fiction, classical, and contemporary, will read fluently at grade level, and begin to strengthen their vocabulary skills. Students will use the 6-traits of writing to evaluate their work through expressive, expository, functional, and persuasive writing. Students will investigate grammar and sentence and paragraph structure using the writing process; prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing. Comprehension strategies and elements of literature will be explored through historical, expository, functional, and persuasive texts.

Mathematics

New learning builds upon previous knowledge and is needed to learn new skills. Students will continue to build math skills using calculations, story problems, fractional values, and geometric concepts. They will solve a wide variety of real world problems, explore relationships involving numbers, shapes, and data. They will draw, connect, and analyze shapes, tell time, discover the value of money, and use reasoning skills to make conclusions. Students will gain basic knowledge of fundamental mathematical skills essential for success in following grades.

History

Second grade History introduces how the United States become a nation. The impact of exploration is revisited through the introduction of western expansion of the New Nation. The development of cultures and civilizations and their contributions are expanded into the continent of Asia. Topics from American History, World History, Government, Geography, and Economics will be explored.

Science

Students are naturally curious about the world and nature. To sustain this curiosity, students will be actively engaged in learning to view the world scientifically through hands-on experience and observation. Students will be encouraged to ask questions about nature and seek the answers, collect, count, and measure things, make observations, organize collections, and discuss findings. Students will explore topics from Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth and Space Science and build upon science skills acquired in first grade.