

Reading in Second Grade

Second graders continue to develop their literacy skills as they learn more complex words and absorb longer, more rigorous texts in a variety of genres including fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Students also expand their reading comprehension skills as they talk about what they read, and develop more advanced ideas around those topics. Just like in previous years, second graders also continuously practice reading as they use texts for a

Writing in 2nd Grade

Second graders write texts that are more detailed, lengthy, and varied, all of which refines their writing skills. They also use technology to publish their writing (you can help prepare them for this by going online at home together).

Similar to reading, writing occurs throughout the day as students use it for a variety of subjects.

To build writing skills, your second grader:

Writes a variety of types of texts including:

Opinion Pieces: Students state their opinions and provide reasons to support them, closing with a conclusion.

Narrative Pieces: Students write about an event, describing actions, thoughts, and feelings, and provide a conclusion.

Informative/Explanatory Pieces: Students introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a conclusion.

Revises and edits writing to improve it.

Uses digital tools with the aid of the teacher to publish writing.

Researches topics for shared, group, or class-wide research and writing projects.

Second Grade Writing Activities

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

