

Parent Curriculum Guide
Hinckley-Big Rock Elementary
School
2nd Grade



This curriculum guide provides an overview of what your child will learn by the end of 2nd grade in mathematics and English language arts/literacy. While this is an overview, your child's actual experience may differ from this guide depending on your child's individual needs. This guide focuses on the key skills your child will learn, which will build a strong foundation for success in other subjects and in future learning opportunities. If your child is meeting the expectations outlined in this curriculum guide, he or she will be well prepared for 3rd grade.

How can I help?

You should use this guide as a resource to gain an understanding of the key skills that will be introduced and/or mastered by your child this year. This will help promote a better understanding, as well as allow for a strong relationship to be developed with your child's teacher. Regular ongoing dialogue about teaching and learning, beyond parent-teacher conferences, is expected and desired.

At home, you play an important role in setting and reinforcing high expectations for your child, while providing support for your child in meeting them. If your child needs additional help or wants to learn more about a topic, work with his or her teacher to identify opportunities for support or to find additional resources to supplement the learning. High expectations do not just surround the content being learned. Your conveyed expectations should also surround the development and use of the following soft skills: effective time-management, persistence and perseverance, self-confidence, growth mindset, productive use of constructive criticism, thinking critically, exhibiting independence, and being motivated.

English Language Arts/Literacy

Summary description with key emphasis/activities

Our main goal for your child is to love reading. Students will engage in independent reading, peer reading, small group instruction, one-on-one conferences, and listening to reading. Also, second graders will apply phonics skills during daily reading and writing activities. They will develop creativity and express information through writing. Most importantly, you can support your child by reading every day at home.

A sample of skills to be gained:

Reading

- Students can identify the key ideas and details in a text
- Apply effective reading comprehension strategies to make sense of the text
- Read fluently and accurately
- Use expression and intonation
- Use text structure to gain a deeper understanding of the text
- Use text features to gain information (ex: captions, bold print, subheadings)
- Identify the author's message and purpose for writing a piece of text
- Compare and contrast two versions of the same story (ex: Cinderella stories from different cultures.)
- Gain information from pictures and text to better understand the text

Phonics

- Accurately read and spell long and short vowel words
- Accurately read and spell words with vowel teams (ex: oa, ai, ea words)
- Accurately read and spell words with common prefixes and suffixes (ex: happily, preschool)
- Read and spell 2nd grade sight words

Writing

- Write an opinion piece where the student states an opinion and reasons
- Write informative texts by introducing a topic, using facts, and supportive details
- Write a narrative in which the student recounts an event using actions, thoughts, and feelings
- With help from peers and teacher, edit and revise to strengthen writing

- Use digital tools (ex: Microsoft Word) to publish writing
- Participate in shared research and writing projects (ex: read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report)
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List of primary sources for learning:

- Café and Daily 5
- Reading Street
- <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Mathematics

Summary description with key emphasis/activities

In second grade, we want students to explore the world of numbers! Students will learn about four essential areas including: base-ten notation, building fluency with addition and subtraction, using standard units of measure, and describing and analyzing shapes.

A sample of skills to be gained:

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Add and subtract within 20.
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication.

Number and Operations in Base Ten

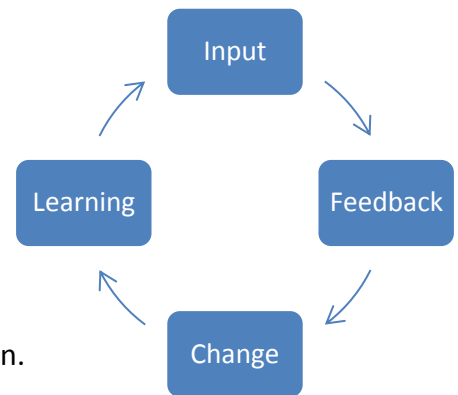
- Understand place value.
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

Measurement and Data

- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- Relate addition and subtraction to length.
- Work with time and money.
- Represent and interpret data.

Geometry

- Reason with shapes and their attributes.



List of primary sources for learning:

- Learnzillion.com
- <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Help your child learn at home

As you invest in your child in many different ways each day, take the following things into consideration as you invest in his or her learning. These strategies will have a direct impact on the learning of your child at home.

- Create a suitable place for learning at home to be completed.
- Create a daily routine and stick to it as much as possible.
- Work with your child on their homework on a regular basis. Have them start the homework on their own and then provide assistance when asked. When they ask for help, try utilizing the following prompts to help them think through their learning.
 - What do you remember from the learning activities in school?
 - Is there a place that you can reference that will help you?
 - What do you think would help?
 - Explain to me what you are struggling with.
 - What do you think you should do next?



It is important to help your child work through the answer, not just provide them with the answer. This process is extremely important in helping your child develop strategies that can be used whether he or she is with you or not.

Additionally, here are some activities you can do with your child to support learning at home:

English Language Arts & Literacy

- Enjoy reading daily with your child
- Ask questions as your child reads
- Encourage your child to create a journal to write in at home

Mathematics

- Play math board games and computer games
- Discuss the clock and time
- Involve your child when paying with cash and help them save and count money in a piggy bank