



SECOND GRADE is a time for building confidence. Students are familiar and comfortable with school and classroom routine. They become more independent and teacher expectations increase. Children are asked to work independently and to read and follow simple directions.



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2nd Grade

**Parent Guide to
Core Curriculum**

2021-2022

The following are skills and concepts which are introduced and/or reinforced in the second grade. Your child will be able to:

Reading

- Use text features to locate information (captions, bold print, sub headings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons)
- Identify and use high frequency words
- Compare and contrast two types of text
- Use various strategies to read: phonics, picture clues, sight words and context clues
- Read with comprehension by asking questions and retelling a story
- Identify and explain story elements (character, setting, problem, solution)
- Make predictions/self correct (re-read/read-on)
- Read fluently with expression and rhythm

Expressive Writing/Speaking/Listening

- Speak clearly and accurately to relay and respond to information.
- Use organization: beginning, middle, end
- Create interest through effective word choice
- Use capitalization and end punctuation where appropriate
- Write neatly: printing/cursive
- Spell assigned words correctly
- Apply conventional spelling in daily work
- Write in a variety of forms (narrative, informative, opinion)
- Use the writing process (steps from planning through publishing)
- Use technology for research and publishing

Mathematics

Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Determine odd and even numbers
- Number and Operations in Base Ten
- Skip counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 100
 - Read and write numbers to 1000 using base-10 numerals, number names, and expanded form
 - Compare three digit numbers ($>$, $<$, $=$)

Measurement and Data

- Tell and write time to the nearest 5 minutes (digital and analog)
- Identify and give the value of dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies

Geometry

- Recognize and draw shapes (triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and cubes)

Science

Demonstrate an understanding of concepts:

- Plants and Animals
- Earth (Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Water)
- Pebbles, Sand and Silt



Social Studies

Demonstrate an understanding of various local and global communities:

- History of our past
- Our government
- Geography
- Economics
- Citizen involvement

Social Behavior/Work Habits

- Follow school and classroom rules
- Exercise self-control/respect others
- Demonstrate responsibility/work habits
- Demonstrate organizational skills
- Follow directions and listen
- Complete assignments: Classroom/homework

Report Cards

We believe that report cards must be meaningful to all members of the school community.

We believe that our report card enables teachers to evaluate individual student growth and to communicate this valuable information to students, parents and other school personnel.

We believe that our report card reflects our district's instructional program linking curriculum to assessment.

Goals

Our goal is to have a reporting system that:

- Improves communications and cooperation among school, home, and community
- Reflects Southgate's Standard-Based Curriculum
- Uses both objective measures and professional judgment about academic performance and personal growth
- Is based on established developmental stages
- Expresses clear expectations for students
- Encourages children to share responsibility for the quality of their learning through portfolios and conferencing
- Enables monitoring of student learning through portfolios and conferencing
- Prepares students for lifelong learning in a challenging society