2ⁿᵈ Grade Expectations

By the time your child enters second grade, he/she should be able to:

Mathematics:

- Skip count by 2, 5, and 10.
- Know addition and subtraction facts within 10 (students should be able to tell you the answer within 3 seconds)
- Understand basic rules of addition and subtraction (like 6 + 2 is the same as 2 + 6)
- Add and subtract through 9s using any method.
- Tell time to the hour and half hour.
- Know the days of the week and months of the year.
- Know his/her own birthday and year.
- Identify basic 2- and 3-dimensional shapes.
- Write numbers legibly.
- Solve word problems and problems with one- and two-digit numbers up to 20 (See a video on how second graders solve word problems.)
- Understand the meaning of the "tens" and "ones" places in two-digit numbers and learn to compare two-digit numbers using > (more than) and < (less than)
- Recognize that the equal sign means both sides of the equation have the same value and know whether an equation is false (like 3 + 4 = 9)
- Measure objects and put them in order by length

Language Arts:

- Read/decode sight words and decodable words.
- Spell basic sight words correctly.
- Retell simple stories verbally.
- Make up and write a simple sentence independently.
    - Follows SWAG: start with capital letter, written neatly, a finger space between each word, and given proper punctuation at end
- Speak clearly when asked simple questions about reading passages (who, what, where, when, why, how)
- Answer questions about a book using evidence from the text
- Read on-level books aloud and verbally summarize.
- Compare and contrast elements of different stories, including characters, settings, and major events
- Explain how texts that tell stories are different from texts that provide information
- Use descriptive details to describe people, events, ideas, and feelings
- Talk with others, using the rules of listening, asking questions, and waiting their turn to respond (like in class discussions)
- Write a single topic and provide a few facts or details about it

Behaviors:

- Understand the importance of following school and classroom rules and policies.
- Know and verbally state his/her address and phone number of one or both parents/guardians.
- Sit correctly in a desk or on the floor in a group and concentrate on the lesson or task for extended periods of time.
- Follow multiple verbal directions or instructions.
- Work cooperatively with a partner or in a group.
- Understand and explain the difference between smart and poor choices.
- Read and follow one- or two-step written directions.

2ⁿᵈ Grade Readiness Resources

Math:

- Prodigy Math Game (free membership or you can upgrade for even more features (parents can track student progress):
      https://www.prodigygame.com/
- Khan Academy (skills and standard based) https://www.khanacademy.org/math/early-math
- https://www.mathplayground.com/grade_2_games.html
- https://www.splashlearn.com/math-games-for-2nd-graders
- https://www.education.com/games/second-grade/math/

Reading/Writing:

- PBS Reading Games https://pbskids.org/games/reading/
- Grammar and Phonics: https://www.education.com/games/second-grade/grammar/

Typing:

- https://www.education.com/games/second-grade/typing/
- 9 Typing Sites for Kids https://www.todaysparent.com/family/fun-typing-games-for-kids/

Other:

- Free writing, drawing and storytelling classes from award winning author/illustrator Arree Chung (June 22- June 26) https://arree.com/camp/
- Camp Kinda https://campkinda.org/about
    - Week 1- https://campkinda.org/weekly-adventures/historys-mysteries
- Camp Wonderopolis https://camp.wonderopolis.org/
- Highlights Kids https://www.highlightskids.com/
- ALL SUBJECTS AND MORE https://www.funbrain.com/
- **BEST PODCASTS FOR KIDS (THESE ARE SO GREAT and help your child develop listening skills/comprehension and focus and even lists a meditation podcast for kids)**
    - https://kidlit.tv/2019/10/best-podcasts-for-kids/
    - https://www.wired.com/story/best-podcasts-for-kids/