



# WHAT WILL YOUR CHILD LEARN?



**Second Grade**

**2016-2017**

## How can I help my child at home?

Learning does not end in the classroom. Children need help and support at home to succeed in their studies. Try to create a quiet place for your child to study every day uninterrupted by friends, siblings, or other distractions. At home, you can play an important role in setting high expectations and supporting your child in meeting them. You should also try to sit down with your child at least once a week for 15 to 30 minutes while he or she is doing homework. This will keep you informed about what your child is working on. By taking small steps, you will be helping your child become successful both in and outside the classroom.

- Read at home every day and assist your child by reading every other paragraph. Encourage your child to read to younger siblings, cousins, or other children you know. To find recommendations of books for your child to read, visit <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/just-read-fl/families>
- Have your child write a thank you note or letter to family members or friends.
- Ask your librarian to suggest books about people or places that are important to your child or family that you can read together. Encourage your child to explain what he or she has just read.

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## Grade Level Expectations

Students in 2nd grade will gain more skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. They continue to learn and practice rules for matching sounds to letters that make up words, and they learn new concepts — such as words that share the same root (e.g., add and additional) — that help them figure out the meanings of new words. Writing will become an exciting way for your child to use newly learned words and phrases to express ideas. As they write and speak, 2nd graders will be more attentive to the formal and informal uses of English and will spell most words correctly in their writing.

## A Sample of What Your Child Will Be Working on in Second Grade

- Paying close attention to details, including illustrations and graphics, in stories and books to answer *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* questions
- Determining the lesson or moral of stories, fables, and folktales
- Using text features (e.g., captions, bold print, indexes) to locate key facts or information efficiently
- Writing an opinion about a book he or she has read, using important details from the materials to support that opinion
- Writing stories that include a short sequence of events and include a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Participating in shared research projects (e.g., read books on a single topic to produce a report)
- Taking part in conversations by linking his or her comments to the remarks of others and asking and answering questions to gather additional information or deepen understanding of the topic
- Retelling key information or ideas from media or books read aloud
- Producing, expanding, and rearranging sentences (e.g., “The boy watched the movie”; “The little boy watched the movie”; “The action movie was watched by the little boy”)
- Determining the meaning of the new word formed when a known prefix or suffix is added to a known word (happy/unhappy; pain/painful/painless)

## District Resources

### English Language Arts Website

LAFS Task Cards

SAT-10 Task Cards



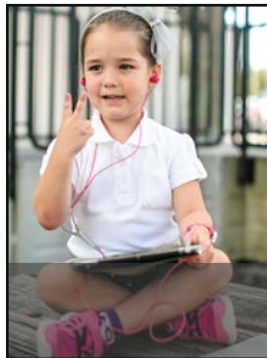
Making Words

Story Elements



Story Sequence

Elements of Writing



## Digital Links

**iReady:** <http://www.dadeschools.net/students.asp>

**C-Palms:** <http://www.cpalms.org/Public/>

**Achieve the Core:** <http://achievethecore.org/>

**myON Reader:** <https://www.myon.com/login/>

**TumbleBook Library:** <http://asp.tumblebooks.com/home.aspx>