

Second Grade Curriculum



Social Studies

Learning will focus on communities incorporating the district curriculum and each of the social studies strands below:

Historical Skills: Identify past, develop a basic timeline.

Social Science Analysis: Discuss current events, identify more than one point of view.

Civics and Government: Identify national symbols, practice voting, understand the many roles of community.

Economics: Identify community workers, understand needs and wants.

World History: Holidays

U.S. History: Changes in community, meaning of community traditions.

Literacy Interventions

- Leveled Literacy Instruction (LLI)
- Phonics First
- Foundations
- Enrichment
- Guided Reading
- Response to Intervention (RtI)
- Differentiated Instruction



SECOND GRADE



Health

Health topics studied throughout the year:

- Personal Growth and Development
- Nutrition
- Disease and Health Conditions
- Social and Emotional Health
- Character Development
- Advocacy and Service
- Health Services and Information

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Second Graders Favorite Books

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
Little Bear
Magic Tree House
Horrible Harry
Henry & Mudge

Conventional Homework

Reading log
Math practice problems
Foundational skills practice

Second graders should spend approximately 20-25 minutes on daily homework with an additional 20 minutes of daily reading.

If your child is routinely exceeding this homework time guideline, please contact your child's teacher.

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Mission Statement
The Milltown School District, in collaboration with family and community, is committed to academic excellence for all students. We aspire to develop confident, lifelong learners who will succeed in a diverse and changing world.

Curriculum Brochure

Grade 2

Parkview School



Instruction is aligned with the
NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards
and the
National Common Core State Standards

Science



The focus in Science is to introduce the Scientific Inquiry steps.

By the end of Second Grade, your child should be familiar with:

- Make a hypothesis
- Name the procedure
- Collect data
- Look at and interpret results

Science Topics studied throughout the year:

Earth Science

- Fossils
- Properties of Earth Materials
- Plant Growth
- Natural Resources
- Life Cycle of the Butterfly

Life Science

- Plants
- Animals
- How Living things Grow and Change

Physical Science

- Properties of Matter
- Energy



Language Arts



The reading language arts program focuses on reading, writing, listening, and speaking. By using phonics, comprehension strategies, structural analysis, and vocabulary development, the students will be able to construct meaning from text.

By the end of Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- Read a variety of materials independently.
- Activate prior knowledge, make predictions, draw conclusions, and use self-monitoring strategies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of story elements in reading and writing including: character traits and emotions, setting, problem, and solution.
- Write a variety of sentences using appropriate capital letters, punctuation, and parts of speech.
- Utilize the writing process.
- Write a story with a beginning, middle, and ending.
- Use high frequency words in reading, writing, and spelling.
- Apply standard spelling.



Math



The focus in mathematics is to become proficient in basic skills, develop conceptual understanding, and become skillful problem-solvers.

By the end of Second Grade, your child should be able to:

- Demonstrate mastery of addition and subtraction facts to 18.
- Read, write and interpret numbers to 1,000 emphasizing place value.
- Add and subtract one, two and three-digit numbers with and without regrouping.
- Tell time to 5 minute intervals.
- Count money amounts up to \$5.00.
- Use a variety of measuring tools to measure in standard and non-standard units.
- Use concrete objects or drawings to identify and describe two and three-dimensional shapes.
- Identify a fractional part of a whole.
- Read, interpret, and construct various types of graphs.
- Use estimation and mental computation in appropriate situations.
- Solve word problems and everyday math problems by using a variety of strategies.
- Apply math to other disciplines.
- Use mathematical terminology to communicate orally and in written form.

Key curriculum points are included in this brochure in order to provide an at-a-glance guide. This brochure is not meant to provide a comprehensive picture of the scope of learning encompassing second grade. Please see the district's curriculum guides for a full description of grade level curriculum expectations. All activities listed are subject to change at the teacher's discretion.