

## Art

### The second grade student will:

- Explore how different media, techniques, and processes can communicate ideas and feelings.
- Experiment with and learn to control painting and drawing materials such as tempera paint, crayons, chalk, and watercolors.
- Construct with and manipulate various 3-D materials such as clay and papier-mâché.
- Further develop art skills, understand design concepts, and comprehend art vocabulary.
- Understand the proper use and care of art materials and equipment.
- Investigate various historical periods and cultures through the use of art history.

## Music

### The second grade student will:

- Continue to expand vocal range and pitch.
- Become familiar with the hand staff system of reading musical notation.
- Continue to expand music vocabulary to include and understand phrasing, crescendo, decrescendo, tempo, etc.
- Sing partner song and sing and play instruments in response to cues of a conductor.
- Expand knowledge of structure of music and musical ideas.
- Continue public performances and assemblies.

## Curriculum Team Vision

All teachers will plan for all instruction using the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, aligned to the Common Core, and craft powerful learning experiences for students.

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## *Second Grade Curriculum Guide*

## English Language Arts

### The second grade student will:

#### Language:

- Use language to make oral presentations and complete retellings of stories, remaining on topic, demonstrating correct sequence, and using appropriate details.
- Actively engage in listening, activate prior knowledge, and follow agreed upon rules when participating in class discussions.
- Extend vocabulary, determine word meanings, and identify antonyms, synonyms, homonyms, compound words, and contractions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of four parts of speech: nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives.
- Begin to use a dictionary and other reference books.
- Use Standard English conventions correctly, including periods, question marks, exclamation points, apostrophes in contractions and possessives, subject/verb agreement, and grammar.
- Increase use of correct standard spelling.

#### Reading and Literature:

- Identify main idea and supporting details of a story.
- Summarize, draw conclusions, make inferences and compare and contrast what has been written, heard or read.
- Provide evidence from a story to demonstrate understanding of theme, character, and plot.
- Explore different genres of literature, such as poetry, prose, plays, fiction, and non-fiction, employing strategies for reading each effectively.
- Monitor for meaning, demonstrating interaction with print.
- Connect what is read to what is already known.

#### Composition:

- Write two paragraphs using appropriate topic development and standard conventions in response to a personal narrative prompt.
- Write using a variety of forms for different purposes including friendly letters, personal narratives, poems, stories, journal entries, reports, and responses to literature, answers to open-response questions, informational writing, and persuasive writing.
- Print legibly in manuscript, using proper letter formation, size, and spacing.
- Follow the writing process, using graphic organizers for pre-writing/planning, and engaging in drafting, assessing, revising, editing, and publishing.
- Write a tall tale.

## Mathematics

### The second grade student will:

#### 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.

## Health Dynamics

### The second grade student will:

- Demonstrate responsible personal and social conduct used in physical activity settings.
- Perform rhythm routines including dance to demonstrate fundamental movement skills.
- Be introduced to basic health and hygiene habits.
- Develop methods for handling personal stress in a positive way.
- Develop qualities of integrity leadership, and honesty.

## Science and Technology

### The second grade student will:

- See the big picture of science as it relates to life, earth, physics, chemistry and engineering.
- Build models to construct their understanding of the solar system and the seasons.
- Dissect flowers and owl pellets to understand the plant life cycle and predator-prey relationships.
- Build devices to test forces and balance.
- Unit Topics are:
  - Our Solar System
  - Sun and Seasons
  - Living Earth
  - Flower Power
  - Grow a Garden
  - Predator and Prey
  - Moth vs. Butterfly
  - Forces
  - Simple Circuits
  - Inventions
  - Balancing Boats
  - Walls and Dams

## Social Studies

### The second grade student will:

- Study world and United States history, geography, economics, and government by learning more about who Americans are and where they came from.
- Explore their own family's history and listen to or read a variety of teacher- or student-selected stories about: distinctive individuals, peoples, achievements, customs, events, places, or landmarks from long ago and around the world.
- Identify producers, consumers, buyers, and sellers in their own communities.