

Expectations for 2nd Grade

Reading

Students will....

- read for enjoyment
- read for understanding
- use appropriate strategies to decode unknown words
- know basic sight words
- read to gain knowledge about a topic
- identify similarities and differences between persons, places, things, and events using concrete criteria

Writing

Students will....

- write their ideas for enjoyment
- write their ideas to share with others
- write all letters and numbers in a legible format
- write a sentence beginning with a capital letter and ending with the correct punctuation
- include a beginning and ending sound in words they are trying to spell
- use words to express feelings and emotions
- spell words that follow certain patterns
- write a story with a beginning, middle, & end

Speaking

Students will....

- clearly communicate his/her ideas orally so that others can understand
- speak with a strong, confident voice loud enough for class to hear
- retell a story listing the major events in sequence
- speak with common courtesy in a variety of situations
- say encouraging things to other group members
- participate in class discussions

Listening

Students will....

- follow 2 & 3 step directions given orally and/or written
- listen and then restate what they've heard
- look at the person speaking
- demonstrate respect for others in a group
- listen critically to ask questions and give appropriate responses

These expectations are based on research data from: NCTE and IRA, McREL, Houghton Mifflin and the Primary Program.