

Second Grade Phonics / Word Work

Year – At – A – Glance

Second grade will build upon the basic phonological skills that were learned in Kindergarten and First grade. This year your child will progress further into the study of word structure, while reinforcing what has been learned in prior years.

By the end of second grade, students will be able to:

- Segment syllables into sounds (phonemes) – up to six sounds
- Identify word structures such as vowels, consonants, blends, digraphs, digraph blends
- Identify parts of a word (syllables, basewords, suffixes)
- Identify six syllable types: closed, vowel-consonant-e, open, r-controlled, vowel digraph/diphthong, consonant-le
- Read and spell words with short vowels
- Read and spell words with long vowels in vowel-consonant-e and open syllables
- Read and spell words with r-controlled vowels (ar,er,ir,or,ur)
- Read and spell words with vowel teams
(ai,ay,ee,ey,ea,oi,oy,oa,ow,oe,ou,oo,ue,ew,au,aw)
- Read and spell words with unexpected vowel sounds (old, ild, ind, ost, olt, ive)
- Read and spell words with suffixes (s, es, ed, ing, est, ish, able, ive, y, ful, ment, less, ness, ly, ty)
- Read and spell phonetically regular one-, two-, and three-syllable words
- Read and spell words with irregular spelling patterns, or high-frequency words
- Divide multisyllabic words
- Use synonyms
- Know some multiple meaning words
- Use correct writing position and pencil grip
- Apply dictionary skills
- Apply correct punctuation (period, question mark, exclamation point)
- Apply capitalization rules for beginning of sentences and names of people