

Welcome to Second Grade!

Welcome to second grade! We are excited about what lies ahead for your child in the 2021-2022 school year. They will learn many new and exciting things in their journey through second grade. Hopefully this letter will provide you with some tips and expectations for the coming school year.

Reading— It is important that you read with your child throughout the year. Listen to your child read aloud, read to him/her, or buddy read. Make it fun! Second grade requires students to become more and more independent as the year progresses. Benchmarks for reading progress are level J by the first nine-weeks, K by the second, L by the third, and M by the fourth nine-weeks. Your child will be expected to not only read with fluency and expression but also comprehend and understand what they have read. Second graders will be completing reading passages throughout the year. These will be read to the students at the beginning of the year. After Christmas, students will be expected to read the passages independently. Students will also work on providing text evidence to answer questions from the passages.

Writing— Students entering second grade should be able to write a paragraph of at least five sentences. During second grade we expect students to write full page stories across pages. Please make sure they remember to add punctuation, capitalization to their sentences, and use complete sentences. Students will be writing narratives, opinions, and informational pieces.

Math— Students are expected to learn basic addition and subtraction facts to twenty memorized ($8+7=15$ for example) by the end of 2nd grade. In second grade some of the topics they will study consist of place value to hundreds, addition and subtraction within 1000, counting money, telling time to five minutes, geometry, fractions, and solving word problems.

Science and Social Studies— In second grade, students learn to use science process skills such as observing, comparing, ordering, and categorizing. They study the life cycles of plants and animals, the sun, moon and stars, forces and motion, and energy. In social studies, the students study Georgia government, geography of Georgia, historical Georgians, Georgia Creek and Cherokee Native Americans, and goods and services.

Let's have a fantastic year! ☺

Second Grade Teachers

2nd

Grade Expectations

Reading

- ❖ Ask and answer questions
- ❖ Recount stories and determine the central message, lesson, or moral
- ❖ Main Idea and Supporting Details
- ❖ Character Traits and feelings
- ❖ Structure of the story
- ❖ How the character responds to events and challenges
- ❖ Point of View
- ❖ Author's Purpose
- ❖ Provide Text Evidence
- ❖ Text Illustrations and Features
- ❖ Context Clues- determine the meaning of words in a text
- ❖ Compare and Contrast
- ❖ Decoding, Fluency Rate, and Expression
- ❖ Reading Level I-M

Writing/Grammar

- ❖ Narrative – Small Moment
- ❖ Informational – Teaches Facts
- ❖ Opinion/Argument– Reasons and Support of their opinion
- ❖ Writes across 5 pages filling up 10 lines by the end of the year using complete sentences
- ❖ Lead- introduces the story using action, talk, or setting
- ❖ Ending
- ❖ Character's actions, feelings, and uses dialogue
- ❖ Transitions
- ❖ Editing- punctuation and apostrophes in contractions
- ❖ Spelling
- ❖ Capitalization
- ❖ Punctuation, Commas, and Quotation Marks
- ❖ Simple and Compound Sentences
- ❖ Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adjectives, and Adverbs
- ❖ Irregular plural nouns, using a dictionary, and understanding multiple meaning words

Math

- ❖ Addition and subtraction word problems
- ❖ Multi-step word problems
- ❖ Add and subtract within 20.
- ❖ Arrays and repeated addition
- ❖ Odd and Even numbers
- ❖ Place Value
- ❖ Skip counting by 5's, 10's, 100's; creating numerical patterns
- ❖ Comparing three digit numbers (greater than, less than, equal to)
- ❖ Two-digit addition and subtraction
- ❖ Adding up to 4 two-digit numbers
- ❖ Three-digit addition and subtraction
- ❖ Mentally add or subtract 10 or 100 from a given number
- ❖ Measure and estimate lengths in standard units
- ❖ Measure an object twice and find the difference
- ❖ Telling time to the five minutes; elapsed time
- ❖ Money
- ❖ Solve money word problems
- ❖ Line plots
- ❖ Picture graphs, bar graphs, data and statistical reasoning
- ❖ symmetry
- ❖ Shapes
- ❖ Partition a rectangle into rows and columns
- ❖ Fractions
- ❖ Growing and shrinking patterns

Science

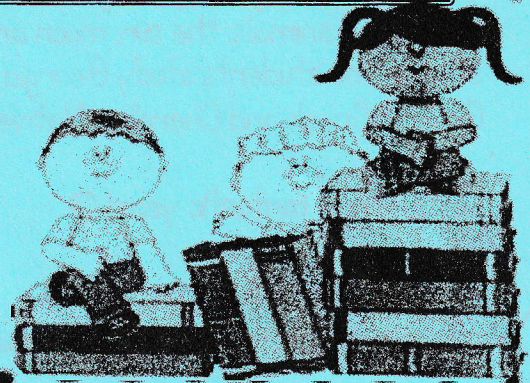
- ❖ Scientific Method
- ❖ Stars
- ❖ Shadows
- ❖ Change in Seasons
- ❖ Moon Phases
- ❖ Matter
- ❖ Force
- ❖ Animal and Plant Life Cycles

Social Studies

- ❖ Historical Figures – James Oglethorpe, Tomochichi, Mary Musgrove, Sequoyah, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr, And Jimmy Carter.
- ❖ Georgia Creek and Cherokee Native Americans
- ❖ Regions of Georgia
- ❖ Seven major rivers of Georgia
- ❖ President, Governor, and Mayor
- ❖ State and National Capitals Buildings
- ❖ Economics – Goods and services, costs and benefits, trade vs. barter

Homework (as needed)

- ❖ Homework goes home on Monday and is due on Friday.
- ❖ Write a telling or asking sentence with each of the weekly words. Put weekly words in ABC order.
- ❖ Spelling test given on Friday over weekly words.
- ❖ Sentences
- ❖ Math sheet
- ❖ Reading passage
- ❖ Fluency
- ❖ Reading nightly



Houston County Public Library System

<http://houpl.org>

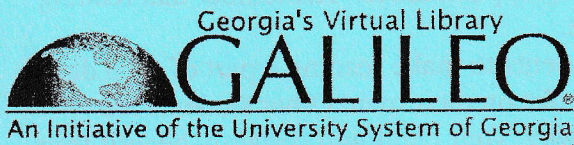
Information Resources for Parents

Available in library:

Numerous books on parenting topics, both general and specific.

Nonfiction materials to check out & Reference area: Look in and around 649.

Available online (available 24/7):



The GALILEO system provides access to many databases, both general sources covering a wide range of topics and sources focused on a single subject, academic discipline, or format.



A service from the Georgia Student Finance Commission. Its purpose is to help students of all ages with high school planning, college planning, financial aid planning, and career planning.



Designed for students in grades 6 through 12. Students can pre-determine which content sources (e.g., Magazines, Newspapers, Biographies, Country Reports, Film & Video) will be included with their search.



Designed especially for youth in grades K-8. Kids Search makes it easy for students to search by keyword or by topic to find the most useful search results. Results can be easily sorted by source type - magazines, reference books, photos, flags, etc.



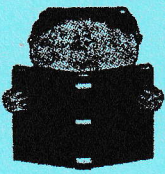
Links kids, parents and teachers to U.S. government information and services on the web from government agencies, schools, and educational organizations, all geared to the learning level and interest of kids.



NoveList K-8 is an online readers' advisory tool aimed at elementary and middle school students. NoveList K-8 helps readers find new books based on books they've read or on topics in which they are interested.



LearningExpress Library is an interactive online learning platform featuring over 770 practice tests, tutorials, and eBooks related to job search and workplace skills improvement, career certification and licensing exam preparation. Also available - college entrance and graduate school admissions exam preparation, GED exam preparation, and basic skills improvement in reading, writing, and math, for all ages.

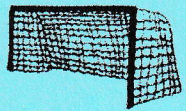


HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS



SUMMER READING RECORD

NAME: _____ GRADE ENTERING IN AUGUST: _____



My goal this summer is to read _____ books!

DATE(S) READ	TITLE	TALLY # OF TIMES READ	PARENT'S INITIALS

How did my reading go this summer? YES! I met my goal I'm still working on it

Shirley Hills Elementary
Second Grade Supply List
2021-2022

Dear Parents,

Your child will need the following items on the *first day of school*. Feel free to bring these items to Meet and Greet. Some items need to be replaced or replenished throughout the school year. *Please do not write your child's name on the supplies.*

- 2 packs of copy paper
- 12 glue sticks
- 5 packs of 12 pencils or 60 pencils- (preferably Dixon or Ticonderoga)
- Durable Headphones (label with child's name in a Ziploc bag)
- 4 **black** dry erase markers- no colored markers please
- 1 pack of wide ruled notebook paper
- 3 (1-subject) wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 3 black and white composition books
- 1 pencil box- no pouches please (label with child's name)
- 1 small pair of scissors, not safety scissors
- 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 packs of pencil cap erasers
- 1 pack of Anti-bacterial wipes
- 3 bottles of hand sanitizer (12oz or larger)
- 4 boxes of tissue
- Band-Aids

Please be sure to purchase pencils, crayons, and notebook paper for homework as well.

No pencil sharpeners

No rolling bookbags

No markers or colored pencils

Thank you!!!!

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