

High Expectations

2nd Grade

Your Second Grader's Academic Success Begins with You

Your involvement in your child's academic success, at every stage, opens the door to opportunities and increases their options for the future.

Do you know what your child is expected to learn in school this year? Part of being an engaged parent is knowing about key academic milestones and how you can support your child in meeting them. Next year is a pivotal year for your child.

Ensuring that your child is reading at grade level by third grade will help provide the foundation they need for future academic success. Now is the time for you to talk with your child's teacher to make sure they are reading at grade level and, if not, find out what you can do to help. Here are some of the key academic skills your child will need to master in the second grade and ways you can supplement the learning at home.

Academic Skills

- Read with your child for at least 15 minutes each day and ensure they are reading second grade level books by the end of the school year. Check with your school or community library for appropriate books for your child.
- Identify why something happens (cause) and the result (effect).
- Write complete sentences.
- Practice numbers 0 to 1,000 in groups of hundreds, tens and ones.
- Practice addition and subtraction problems using one and two digit numbers.

Activities to do at Home

- Help cultivate a self-pursued interest in reading for your child. Visit your local library and encourage your child to pick out books he is interested in. As your child is reading, ask her questions such as: "Why did she do that?" and "Can you relate to the way he feels?"
- Using a weekly grocery ad, ask your child to put items in order from most to least expensive.
- Ask your child to add and subtract various amounts of money.

Ways to Create a High Expectations Culture in Your Home

- Make student academic success a family priority. That means school comes before extracurricular and social activities.
- Set completing college or other postsecondary program as the ultimate academic goal for your student.
- Commit to be actively engaged in your child's education at every stage – from birth through postsecondary – and take ownership for being a partner in your student's success.



Note: Every child develops at his/her own pace. These are recommended age specific guidelines for academic skill development.

The above Academic Skills are based on the Common Core Standards. Please talk with your child's teacher to get more specific information about each of these skills. A full list of common core standards by grade level is available at www.azed.gov.



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