

Shining Second Graders

Language Growth



- **2nd Graders know many words for a concept (Example: said, screamed, whispered, shouted...)**
- **They can discuss subjects at a deeper level**
- **2nd Graders can make logical inferences by putting together pieces of information to understand a message**
- **They love to discuss books they have read**
- **2nd Graders will tell detailed stories of their lives**
- **They ask questions to clarify information**

Knowledge Growth



- **2nd Graders start reading at a wisdom level 9 and at the end of the year will be at a wisdom level 13**
- **They have a deeper understanding of their reading**
- **2nd Graders writing is being fine tuned and their stories become more elaborate**
- **They are publishing original books both fiction and nonfiction**
- **2nd Graders are discovering the craft of writing (homonyms, spelling, genres)**
- **They are fine tuning place value, adding, subtracting, measurement, money and telling time**
- **2nd Graders see math in everyday situations/word problems**
- **They are working with fractions ($1/2$, $1/3$, and $1/4$)**
- **2nd Graders add two-digit and three-digit numbers**
- **They estimate and predict outcomes**
- **2nd Graders identify place value to 1,000**
- **They measure length, capacity, and weight**
- **2nd Graders work with geometric shapes (circle, quadrilateral, rhombus, square, trapezoid, hexagon, and parallelogram)**
- **They can find the perimeter of a simple shape**
- **2nd Graders understand symmetry**
- **They use time to sequence events**
- **2nd Graders can read and write temperatures using a thermometer**
- **They are looking at maps and love geography**
- **2nd Graders are exploring many historical times**
- **They know the continents**
- **2nd Graders discover various countries of interest, states, and cities**
- **They are exploring many areas of science (weather, marine life, space)**
- **2nd Graders like board games, puzzles, and magic tricks**
- **They love to be read to**

Social Growth



- **2nd Graders are very independent individuals**
- **They are immersed in school, activities and relationships with peers**
- **2nd Graders need encouragement and will take risks**
- **They are expanding friendships**
- **2nd Graders provide and respond positively to peers**
- **They desire to help others**
- **2nd Graders participate cooperatively**
- **They can be shy when trying something for the first time**
- **2nd Graders like to have a plan for the day**
- **They like to do things with their family**

Physical Growth



- **2nd Graders skip, gallop, jump, hop, leap, and run for longer periods to increase physical activity**
- **They twist, spin, turn, balance, and transfer weight**
- **2nd Graders throw, catch, strike, and kick with fluent movements**
- **They show muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance, and flexibility**
- **2nd Graders can do about 10 Pushups, about 10 sit ups, and about 5 curl ups (lift their weight)**
- **They like to run and run and run**

Creative Growth



- **2nd Graders love to do arts and crafts**
- **They love to cook new recipes**
- **2nd Graders have vivid imaginations, they can spin stories, and love to act them out**
- **The love to pretend**
- **2nd Graders paint and draw with details**
- **They learn dance steps and new dance moves**
- **2nd Graders like to play silly games**
- **They love to sing and sing songs they have memorized**
- **2nd Graders like to write their own stories and illustrate them**
- **They like to research write nonfiction books**
- **2nd Graders like to create their own art work with various materials**
- **They enjoy going to museums, plays, movies, and art galleries**