

# SECOND GRADE



# Literacy Skills Checklist

The following items are skills second-grade students need to know in preparation for school in the Fall:

- Identifies an increasing number of words by sight.
- Uses letter-sound knowledge to sound out unknown words.
- Accurately decodes multi-syllable words that sound like they are spelled ("orthographically regular") such as capital or Kalamazoo. Can also sound out orthographically regular nonsense words.
- Accurately reads many irregularly spelled words.
- Reads with greater fluency.
- Uses word identification strategies with greater facility to unlock unknown words.
- Notices when a text doesn't make sense, and begins to use strategies such as rereading, predicting, and questioning to understand it.
- Interprets information from diagrams, charts, and graphs.
- Recalls facts and details of texts.
- Poses possible answers to how, why, and what-if questions.
- Discusses similarities in characters and events across stories.
- Reads and comprehends both fiction and nonfiction.
- Reads independently for entertainment and to learn something new.
- Can act out a story.
- Can write about a range of topics with the audience in mind.
- Produces a variety of types of compositions, including stories, reports, and letters.
- Writes legibly, using capitalization and punctuation correctly (most of the time!), and moving from invented spelling to more accurate spelling.
- Is learning how to revise my own writing and offer meaningful feedback to peers about their writing.
- Organizes writing to include a beginning, middle, and end.
- Can write a simple essay with a title and introductory sentence, provide examples and details that support their main concept, and write a concluding sentence.
- Makes reasonable judgments about important details to include in writing.
- Attends spelling, mechanics, and presentation.
- Concentrates more on the content of their writing than on the mechanics of handwriting.

*These literacy tips were created by Fort Worth ISD and align with its literacy curriculum standards.*

