



Reading Tips for 2nd Graders

Second Grade

- The most important predictor of reading success is time spent reading with a parent. Help your child develop a love of reading by reading together every day.
- Read a variety of texts including fiction, nonfiction, tall tales, and biographies.
- When reading with your child, discuss the meanings of new words.
- Encourage conversation about what she is reading, and ask questions like:
 - Why do you think the character did that?
 - What do you think is going to happen next?
 - Tell me about your favorite part.
 - Did this story make you think of anything? What?
- Allow your child to read familiar stories aloud.
- Create and write stories with your child. Writing helps strengthen reading skills.
- Set a good example. Let your child see you reading!

Reading Essential Skills

- Demonstrate the ability to hear, identify and manipulate sounds in spoken words.
- Be able to apply sound-symbol relationships to decode unknown words.
- Build and understand compound words, contractions and base words using prefixes and suffixes.
- Apply knowledge of basic syllabication rules to decode words in text.
- Develop and expand knowledge of words and word meanings.
- Understand synonyms (words with the same meaning), antonyms (words with opposite meanings), and homonyms (words with the same sound and spelling but different meaning).
- Increase fluency, using punctuation (commas, periods, question marks, and exclamation points) to understand meaning of text.
- Use comprehension strategies such as: making predictions, questioning, making inferences, sequencing events, and summarizing.



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