



Hudson School District

Curriculum Overview - **GRADE TWO**

Throughout the Second Grade school year, students will learn the following topics through units of study, concepts, skills, and activities:

English Language Arts

Reading

- Read passages with ease and expression
- Comprehend informational text; identify the main ideas with two or three details in informational text
- Comprehend literature; identify the setting, characters, and two of more events and the lesson/theme or moral
- Use captions, heading, illustrations, and other text features to gather information

Writing

- Write to state an opinion or preference about a book or topic, using details from the text to support the opinion
- Write stories that include a sequence of events with a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Complete group research projects around a topic and write about what has been learned

Language

- Identify the meaning of a new word when a suffix or prefix is added to a known word (for example: hope, hopeless, hopeful)
- Identify the nuances in words with similar meanings; be selective in the use of words that have similar meaning when writing and speaking

Mathematics

In Second Grade, instructional time will focus on 4 critical areas:

- Extending and understanding of place value
- Building fluency with addition and subtraction
- Using standard units of measurement
- Describing and analyzing shapes

Students will concentrate on the following skills and understandings:

- Representing and solve problems involving addition and subtraction
- Working with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication
- Using place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract
- Measuring and estimate lengths in standard units
- Relating addition and subtraction to length
- Working with time and money
- Representing and interpret data

Social Studies

Social Studies is divided into four strands: civics, economics, geography, and history. In Second Grade, these strands are explored through the following units of study:

- Historical Perspectives and Sources
- New England Native Americans
- Citizenship
- Maps and Globes
- Buyers, Sellers, and Trade

Unified Arts

Students attend each of the following classes once a week to enhance their educational experience:

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (P.E.)
- Library

- Produce sentences with robust details; combine simple sentences to create complex and compound sentences

Speaking and Listening

- Ask and answer questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is confusing
- Take part in conversations where the questions and answers asked by all participants lead to a deeper understanding of the topic
- Retell information or ideas learned from media and books through formal presentations

Science

Science is divided into three primary areas: life, Earth, and physical sciences. In Second Grade, these areas are explored through the following units of study:

- Rocks & Processes that shape Earth
- Matter
- Plants, Animals, & Ecosystems
- Conservation