

SECOND-GRADE LEARNING CHECKLIST

Language Arts:

Reading
Sight words
Phonics
Reading comprehension
Fluency
Vocabulary development

Writing
Handwriting
Spelling
Grammar and punctuation
Sentence structure
Creative writing

Speaking and Listening
Effective communication skills
Listening comprehension
Participation in class discussions

Art and Music:

Visual Arts
Drawing and painting
Crafts and sculpture
Art appreciation

Music
Basic music theory
Singing and rhythm
Musical instruments

Science:

Life Science
Plants and animals
Habitats
Life cycles

Earth Science
Weather and climate
Rocks and minerals
Landforms

Physical Science
Matter and its properties
Forces and motion

Social Studies:

Geography
Maps and globes
Continents and oceans
Local and world geography

History
Historical events and figures
Timelines
Community History

Civics and Government
Citizenship
Rules and laws
Local government

Mathematics:

Number Sense
Counting and number recognition
Addition and subtraction (with and without regrouping)
Place value
Number patterns

Measurement
Length, weight, volume
Telling time (analog and digital)
Money (counting coins and bills)
Temperature

Geometry
Shapes (2D and 3D)
Spatial awareness
Symmetry

Data and Statistics
Collecting and interpreting data
Graphs and charts

Problem-Solving
Word problems
Critical thinking skills

Physical Education:

Physical Fitness
Gross motor skills
Coordination and balance
Exercise and healthy habits

Health Education
Nutrition
Personal hygiene
Safety

Additional Skills and Subjects:

Computer Skills
Basic computer operation
Keyboarding skills
Educational software

Social and Emotional Learning
Self-awareness
Communication skills
Emotional regulation

Library and Research Skills
Finding and using resources
Reading comprehension

Foreign Language (if applicable)
Basic vocabulary and phrases

* A general checklist you can use as a starting point.
Keep in mind that the specific requirements may vary based on your curriculum and school district.

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100 WORDS 2ND GRADERS NEED TO KNOW

after	fell	make	say	there
all	few	man	school	third
any	first	many	second	Thursday
ask	Friday	men	short	took
before	funny	Monday	sing	town
best	goodbye	more	sister	Tuesday
better	hello	myself	sleep	under
both	help	none	slept	us
brother	her	now	small	Wednesday
brown	here	open	some	what
but	hers	our	soon	when
child	him	over	spring	where
children	his	please	story	white
cold	how	pretty	summer	who
drank	into	purple	Sunday	why
drink	keep	quiet	take	wide
early	kept	read	thank	winter
end	large	said	their	woman
every	long	sang	them	women
fall	made	Saturday	then	your