

## 2nd Grade Curriculum Overview

The following are general topic areas and intended timelines for instruction. Topics are listed in the months they are most likely to be taught, but may occur earlier or later than indicated. Math topics are listed for the “at grade level” curriculum only.

	Language Arts	Mathematics	Core Knowledge	Classical Enrichment	Physical Education	Music	Art
<b>August/ September</b>	<b>Skills</b> Basic Code Review Story Reading Assessments Tricky Words Spelling Alternatives Two-Syllable Words with Short Vowels Tricky Spelling ‘g’ Tricky Spelling ‘c’ Tricky Spelling ‘s’  <b>Knowledge</b> Fairy Tales and Tall Tales Early Asian Civilizations	Interpreting Bar Graph Representing numbers to 1000 Place Value Time to hour and half hour Measurement in inches Identifying 2 dimensional shapes comparing and ordering numbers to 1000 Basic addition facts and strategies counting dimes and nickels rounding to the nearest ten adding 2-digit numbers	Geography - Spatial Sense  <i>Charlotte’s Web</i>				
<b>October</b>	<b>Skills</b> Basic Code Review Spelling Alternatives Tricky Words Quotation Marks Commas Contractions Writing a Fictional Narrative Writing a Narrative Book Report  <b>Knowledge</b> Ancient Greek Civilization	counting dimes, nickels, and pennies	<i>Charlotte’s Web</i>  <i>Talk</i>  Geography of the Americas				
<b>November</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Tricky Spelling ‘a’ Tricky Spelling ‘o’ Tricky Spelling ‘i’ Capitalization Punctuation  <b>Knowledge</b> Greek Myths	Estimating sums measuring in centimeters Ten more and ten less than given 3-digit number Comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers counting quarters	Geography of the Americas  <i>El Pajaro</i>  Magnetism				

		AM/PM Identifying unknowns					
<b>December</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Tricky Spelling 'u' Writing a Personal Narrative  <b>Knowledge</b> War of 1812	Comparing numbers using comparison symbols number lines Measuring to nearest half inch Subtraction facts	Magnetism  <i>The Night Before Christmas</i>  <i>A Christmas Carol</i>				
<b>January</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Tricky Spelling 'i' Tricky Spelling 'y' Plural Nouns Apostrophes Proper Nouns Persuasive Writing  <b>Knowledge</b> Cycles in Nature Westward Expansion	Tables and charts Representing numbers to 1,000	Poem: <i>Caterpillars</i> by Aileen Fisher  <i>Peter Pan</i>				
<b>February</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Tricky Spelling 'y' Present and Past Tense Adjectives Subject and Predicate  <b>Knowledge</b> Westward Expansion Insects	Time to the minute Rounding to the nearest hundred Identifying coin combinations for a specific amount 3 dimensional shapes	Poems: - <i>Harriet Tubman</i> by Eloise Greenfield - <i>Buffalo Dusk</i> by Carl Sandburg  <i>How Iktomi Lost His Eyes</i>  Simple Machines				
<b>March</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Suffix <i>-tion</i> Narrative Writing Tricky Spelling 'e' Tricky Spelling 'o'  <b>Knowledge</b> Civil War Human Body	Comparing length measurement	Poem: <i>Lincoln</i> by Nancy Byrd  Modern Japan				
<b>April</b>	<b>Skills</b> Spelling Alternatives Informational Text Adverbs Adjectives	Time to the quarter hour Measuring to quarter inch	Florence Nightingale  Poems: - <i>Bed in Summer</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson				

	<p>Complete Sentences Tricky Spelling ‘i’</p> <p><b>Knowledge</b> Human Body Immigration</p>		<p><i>-Bee! I’m Expecting You</i> by Emily Dickinson <i>-Discovery</i> by Harry Behn <i>-Hurt No Living Thing</i> by Christina Rossetti <i>-Rudolph Is Tired of the City</i> by Gwendolyn Brooks <i>-Seashells</i> by Federico Garcia Lorea <i>-Smart</i> by Shel Silverstein <i>-Something Told the Wild Geese</i> by Rachel Field <i>-There Was an Old Man with a Beard</i> by Edward Lear <i>-Who Has Seen the Wind?</i> by Christina Rossetti <i>-Windy Nights</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson</p>				
<b>May/June</b>	<p><b>Skills</b> Building Sentences Informational Text Close Reading Taking Notes Paragraph Writing Writing a Report</p> <p><b>Knowledge</b> Immigration Fighting for a Cause</p>	<p>Four digit expanded form Measuring in millimeters</p>					