

GRADE 2 LANGUAGE ARTS

Literature Grade 2:

The purpose of the second grade Literature program is to teach reading, writing, listening and speaking through a variety of techniques in a sequential manner.

Literature/Reading:

Understanding a Text and Making Connections

Students will:

- become aware of different reading strategies.
- review and practice key skills, vocabulary and high-frequency words.
- predict and infer each story.
- learn to comprehend, summarize and evaluate each story.
- be exposed to many genres.
- review and learn phonics and decoding skills.

Genre:

Students will:

- identify the characteristics of the following genres (fantasy, realism, fables, biographies, poetry, myths, idioms, tall tales).
- learn values that are portrayed through the different genres.

Theme

Students will:

- be able to distinguish between realism and fantasy.
- be to recite and comprehend different poems.
- be exposed to the stories of ancient Greece and Rome.
- learn about morals through fables.
- compare tall tales and biographies.

Style and Language

Students will:

- use their sense of hearing, speaking and listening in literature and spoken language.
- use the context of stories and poems to learn traditional values.

Writing

Students will:

- understand beginning, middle, and ending in a story.
- learn to write a title.
- learn the components of a friendly letter.
- know the different kinds of sentences.
- write summaries of stories.
- be able to answer questions through writing.
- understand the difference between fact and opinion.
- create their own stories in conjunction with themes

Composition

Students will:

- use capital letters and punctuation in many different writing forms.
- create their own poems.
- be able to tell the main idea of a paragraph.
- rewrite in their own words tall tales, folk tales, and fables.
- organize their thoughts and ideas in their creative writing.
- write legibly in both manuscript and cursive.
- learn to organize their ideas when writing stories.

Language Mechanics/Grammar/Correct Usage

Students will:

- recognize the different types of sentences.
- learn words for nouns(singular, possessive, and plurals).
- learn verbs (present and past tense)
- compare using adjectives.
- be able to use correct pronouns in place of nouns.

Vocabulary Development

Phonics K-3

Students will:

- be able to distinguish between consonants and vowels.
- extend their understanding of long and short vowels.
- identify and decode compound and other two syllable words.
- recognize the hard and soft sounds of c and g.
- distinguish the sounds of consonant blends and digraphs.
- recognize the sounds of r controlled vowels.
- learn and use prefixes and suffixes.
- associate diphthongs with the sound each stand for
- identify antonyms, synonyms, and homonyms.

Speaking and Listening

Students will:

- listen to read alouds.
- recite from memory weekly poems.
- learn fluency and expression from the teacher modeling the stories.
- listen to stories read by their peers.
- be introduced to stories through tapes and CD's.
- present their research on assigned topics.
- learn their spelling words and math facts through oral practice.

Materials

- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Adventures and Delights, Textbook
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Practice Book
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Teacher's Edition
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Teacher Resource Blackline Masters
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Reader's Library
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Compact Discs
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Overhead Transparencies
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, Reading Charts
- Modern Curriculum Press, Phonics Level B, Teacher's Edition
- Modern Curriculum Press, Phonics Level B, Practice Books
- Modern Curriculum Press, Spelling Workout Level B, Teacher's Edition
- Modern Curriculum Press, Spelling Workout Level B, Practice Books
- Zaner-Bloser, Handwriting, Grade 2, Teacher's Edition
- Zaner-Bloser, Handwriting, Grade 2, Student's Workbook
- What Your 2nd Grader Needs to Know, E.D. Hirsch, Core Knowledge Series, Grade 2
- Books written by: Kevin Henkes, Tomie de Paola, Robert Munsch, Jan Brett, Peggy Parish, Dr. Seuss, Steven Kellogg and Eric Carle.
- The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus, written by Aliki
- Aesop's Fables, video
- Tall Tales, video

Instruction

The teacher will:

- introduce high frequency vocabulary words for each lesson
- model how a story should be read and told
- use whole group, cooperative groups and guided reading for literacy activities
- use story maps, overhead transparencies, compact discs, interactive activities and reading charts.

Required Readings and Poems

Beauty and the Beast
The Blind Man and the Elephant
A Christmas Carol
El Pajaro Cu
The Emperor's New Clothes
Hanzel and Gretel
Inktomi Lost His Eyes
Twas the Night Before Christmas
One Inch Fellow

Paul Revere's Ride
Peter Pan
Robin Hood
From Tiger to Ananzi
Paul Bunyon
Johnny Appleseed
John Henry
Pecos Bill
Casey Jones