

Social Studies

Citizenship and Community

- Identifies the characteristics of a good citizen
- Describes why we need classroom and school rules

Geography

- Names and locates the continents and oceans
- Understands and uses geographic vocabulary
- Uses words and phrases related to chronology and time
- Uses maps and globes to locate and define geographic sites



Assessments

Aimsweb for reading and math fluency is given in September, January, and May.

Assessments are given weekly or at the end of each unit in Reading Street.

Assessments are given at the end of each unit in Everyday Math.

Samples of student writing are scored in the fall, winter, and spring.

Teachers use the data collected to plan for student instructional needs.

Skills for Life

- Listens and follows directions
- Stays on task and uses time efficiently
- Completes work/homework
- Follows school and classroom rules
- Demonstrates self-control in structured situations (classroom and groups)
- Demonstrates self-control in unstructured situations (recess, lunch, bus)
- Solves problems appropriately
- Works well in groups
- Uses good organizational skills

Code of Conduct

Courage, Compassion, Respect,
Responsibility, Honesty

Be kind every day and use your words
for helping not hurting.



A Parent's Guide to Grade Two



Gorham Public Schools

Dear Parents,

This brochure has **bold** headings in each subject area that match report card categories. **Bulleted** items show specific skills students will learn at this grade level. The bulleted items are end of year expectations.

"Recognizing the Potential
In Each Child"

English Language Arts

Reading Comprehension

- Asks and answers questions to demonstrate understanding of key details
- Recounts stories; determines the central message or main topic
- Describes how characters respond to events or the connection between a series of events

Reading Foundations

- Knows and applies grade-level phonics and word analysis in decoding words
- Reads with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension

Reading Interpretation

- Demonstrates understanding of story structure, text features, word meaning, how characters' points of view differ, and the main purpose of a text
- Compares and contrasts two or more versions of the same story and refers to illustrations to clarify a text

Speaking and Listening Discussion/Presentation

- Participates in collaborative grade-level conversations with peers; recounts and describes key details; and asks and answers questions
- Tells a story or recounts an experience with relevant details in a clear manner
- When appropriate, includes audio recordings or visual displays and produces complete sentences

Writing

- Writes opinion, informative, and narrative pieces that include topic introduction; facts; details such as actions, thoughts and feelings; linking words; and a sense of closure

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Writing (continued)

- With support from adults and peers, focuses on a topic, revises and edits, and uses digital tools to publish writing
- Demonstrates grade-level handwriting, spelling, grammar, and punctuation
- Participates in shared research projects by recalling and gathering information to answer a question

Mathematics

Number & Quantity: Number & Operations in Base Ten

- Understands place value
- Uses place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract

Algebra: Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- Represents and solves problems involving addition and subtraction
- Adds and subtracts within 20
- Works with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication

Statistics & Probability: Measurement & Data

- Measures and estimates lengths in standard units
- Relates addition and subtraction to length
- Works with time and money
- Represents and interprets data

Geometry

- Reasons with shapes and their attributes



Science

Weather

- Understands that weather is what is happening in the atmosphere around us
- Illustrates how water goes through a cycle
- Makes accurate observations
- Comprehends that weather affects the Earth and our life in it in positive and negative ways

Ocean

- Understands that the ocean is made up of different ecosystems that support many different living things
- Understands that living things in the ocean depend on each other and on non-living things in order to survive
- Comprehends that scientists use a variety of strategies and procedures to study the ocean



Second grade students also participate weekly in art, music, physical education, library, and technology instruction.