

What is my child learning in 2nd Grade?

These descriptions do not cover all of the standards (there are too many to list here) but give a general picture as to what the sub-category Domains mean.

English Language Arts has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

→ Language

- ✓ Use words and sentences correctly in speaking and writing
- ✓ Demonstrate knowledge of capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing
- ✓ Learn and use new words from reading and class discussions
- ✓ Explore word relationships and meaning of unknown words

→ Reading: Foundational Skills

- ✓ Read grade-level text smoothly, accurately and with understanding
- ✓ Use phonics, sight words, and word analysis skills

→ Reading Informational Text (Nonfiction)

- ✓ Read nonfiction to find and use information
- ✓ Ask and answer vocabulary questions
- ✓ Use text features (headings, glossaries, tables, etc.) to find information
- ✓ Using texts on the same topic identify, compare and contrast the most important points or opinions

→ Reading Literature (Fiction)

- ✓ Read, understand, and retell stories at grade level
- ✓ Tell how stories are similar or different from one another
- ✓ Tell how the words authors choose can affect the story

→ Speaking and Listening

- ✓ Participate in extended conversations on topic, using complete sentences
- ✓ Ask and answer questions to improve learning
- ✓ Clearly expresses thoughts, feelings, and ideas

→ Writing

- ✓ Write stories, opinions, explanations, and shared research projects
- ✓ Include an introduction, a middle with details, and an ending using the correct sequence of events
- ✓ Work with teachers and other students to improve writing and create a final draft

Mathematics has 5 sub-categories in all grades and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

→ Operations and Algebraic Thinking

- ✓ Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction within 100.
- ✓ Add and subtract within 20 from memory, using mental strategies.
- ✓ Understand odd and even up to 20 by pairing objects or counting by 2's.
- ✓ Understand that repeated addition (3+3+3) is the basis for multiplication.

→ Number and Operations in Base Ten

- ✓ Read, write, and count within 1000; skip-count by 5's, 10's, and 100's.
- ✓ Understand place value to hundreds, tens, and ones.
- ✓ Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

→ **Measurement and Data**

- ✓ Measure and estimate lengths with rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, and measuring tape.
- ✓ Relate addition and subtraction to length within 100.
- ✓ Tell and write time to five minutes, using a.m. and p.m., on analog and digital clocks
- ✓ Draw a picture and bar graph with up to four categories to represent and use data.

→ **Geometry**

- ✓ Identify and draw shapes using angle and face attributes (triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, cubes.)
- ✓ Partition circles and rectangles into two, three, or four equal shapes.

Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, and Health each receive an overall grade plus a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

Music has 6 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship.

- History and Culture
- Improvising
- Instrumental
- Listen and Analyze
- Reading and Notating
- Singing

PE has 3 sub-categories and a separate grade for effort and citizenship

- Expressive and Efficient Moving
- Fitness for Lifetime
- Self-Management and Social Behavior

Every school has either a music specialist and/or a PE specialist providing instruction to students.

Many schools have one or the other. The smaller schools may have just one day a week of each class. This means classroom teachers provide instruction when possible in these areas and will most likely not have specific grades for the sub-categories in these specific subjects.

If your child's school does have a music or PE specialist then those teachers are using specific standards to assess their students.

A note from our Music Teachers:

You will see a lot of strands for music on the report card this year. The number of strands assessed throughout the year will depend on your child's frequency of instruction. We are learning a new system and are very excited to show all of the areas we cover throughout the year. You will see: history and culture, improvising, instrumental, listen and analyze, reading and notating, and singing. We, as an elementary music teaching staff, are increasing the rigor of what is being expected in music class.

Students are being assessed on skills in addition to citizenship and effort. We are working toward creating tuneful, beatful and artful music students. Please contact your child's music teacher if you have additional questions.

A note from our Physical Education Teachers:

This year's report card is going to look much differently than years previous. We are learning a new grading system, and are excited to give you a more in depth look at your child as a whole in our realm of Physical Education. The amount of standards graded will depend on how often your child receives PE, and standards being taught will vary between the different grade levels. Your child will also be receiving a citizenship and effort grade aside from their standards based grade.

As an elementary Physical Education staff, we are dedicated to providing high quality instruction, with the goal of giving your child the tools they need to live and value a healthy, active lifestyle. Please contact your child's Physical Education teacher with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.