

General Entrance Expectations of a Second Grade Student

Listed below are a set of skills that a 2nd grader should know and be able to do at the beginning of 2nd grade:

- Read
- Comprehend a story when read or read to
- Understand literary terms such as character, plot, setting, purpose, etc.
- Spell simple, high frequency words (such as like, my, to, the, etc.)
- Write his or her full name
- Write a simple sentence
- Understand basic mechanics of grammar such as nouns, verbs, adjectives, and punctuation marks
- State his or her address and phone number
- Compute simple, one step addition and subtraction problems
- Understand quantity discrimination (large vs. small, a little vs. a lot)
- Identify basic shapes and colors
- Draw basic shapes
- Identify patterns and sequences
- Tell time by the hour and half hour
- Days of the week/months of the year
- Count money
- Identify numbers to 100+
- Count 100+
- The city, state, and country he or she lives in
- Who the president of the United States is
- Major seasons and holidays
- Basic science concepts (such as living/non-living, plants/animals, weather, etc.)
- Basic prayers (The Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.)
- Basic religion concepts (creation, God as father, displaying kindness (living as a Christian), church, etc.