

Rising 2nd Graders - Summer Learning!

As you prepare your child to enter 2nd grade, we've put together a list of skills that are important to practice over the summer months to ensure a smooth transition. We have provided suggestions that make learning fun and active along with resources that can help you with other ideas.

Skills to Practice

- Decoding words
 - CVC words (consonant-vowel-consonant words like hat, bed, jog that use the short vowel sound)
 - CVCE words (consonant-vowel-consonant-silent e words like gave, hike, fine that use the long vowel sound)
- Phonemic Awareness - work with sounds in spoken words
 - Recognize words that start with the same sound - Do cat and bat have the same beginning sound? How about cat and car?
 - Segment or separate words into sounds - What are the sounds are in slip?
/s/ /l/ /i/ /p/ How many sounds are in slip? (4) What are the sounds in chat?
/ch/ /a/ /t/ How many sounds are in chat? (3)
 - Change the sounds to make a new word - Say cat /cat/. Change the /c/ to /b/. What is the new word? /bat/ Say the word flip /flip/. Take off the /f/ sound. What is the new word? /lip/
- Fluency
 - Ask your child to read a small excerpt aloud to you. Be sure they're using appropriate pacing (pausing at commas and end of sentences), using appropriate inflection (excited tone when they see an exclamation point), and reading smoothly. Read through the same excerpt of text several times to improve accuracy, quickness, and expression.
- Comprehension
 - While reading with your child, ask a variety of questions about the text and discuss the story. See suggested list
- Basic Sentence Structure
 - Practice writing complete sentences with a capital letter and appropriate punctuation
- Writing
 - Give your child simple writing prompts such as describing their favorite summer activity, explaining the steps to complete a task, writing a note to a friend

Helpful Websites, Apps, & Resources

Smarty Ants - access through Clever.com. Your child's username and password is their 7 digit ID number. If using a phone or tablet, be sure you've downloaded both the Clever and SmartyAnts apps.

MyOn Virtual Library - Thousands of books for your child tailored to their reading level. Access through Clever.com.

ReadyRosie.com - a research-based and standards-aligned comprehensive family engagement resource that builds on parents' knowledge. Designed for parents and caregivers to have easy access to a library of modeled, expert videos.

Suggested Reading - Encourage your child to read at least twenty minutes each day. Engaging in a variety of books will help students increase their vocabulary. The following is a great list to get you started!

- Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park
- Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- If I Built A Car by Chris Van Dusen
- Once Upon A Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley
- Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
- The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
- Stink by Megan McDonald
- Fly Guy books by Tedd Arnold

Comprehension Questions

- Who is this story about? Describe him/her. Do they have a problem in this story? How is the problem solved?
- When and where does the story take place?
- What is the story about? Retell the story.
- Could this story really happen? Explain why/why not.
- Would you like to be a character in this story? Why or why not?
- Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?

Social Studies: Social Studies is more than learning about the past. It is about building knowledge of the world and understanding how interconnected our world is. Its history, citizenship, and maps, along with expressing ideas, critical thinking, and becoming a productive citizen.

Topics for Exploration include: *Supply and Demand (understand how they work and how they influence production) *The Different Regions of the U.S. *The Three Branches of Government and the Basic Roles of Each

This is a very short list from the numerous topics students will explore next year. To see the complete list of standards (topics), visit: [TN Academic Standards for Social Studies](#)

Sight Words - Sight words are memorized so that a child can recognize commonly used or phonetically irregular words at a glance, without needing to go letter-by-letter. Create your own flashcards using blank index cards to help your child practice the Fry sight words.

Fry 1st 100 a, about, all, an, and, are, as, at, be, been, but, by, called, can, come, could, day, did, do, down, each, find, first, for, from, get, go, had, has, have, he, her, him, his, how, I, if, in, into, is, it, like, long, look, made, make, many, may, more, my, no, not, now, number, of, oil, on, one, or, other, out, part, people, said, see, she, sit, so, some, than, that, the, their, them, then, there, these, they, this, time, to, two, up, use, was, water, way, we, were, what, when, which, who, will, with, words, would, write, you, your

Fry 2nd 100 after, again, air, also, America, animal, another, answer, any, around, ask, away, back, because, before, big, boy, came, change, different, does, end, even, follow, form, found, give, good, great, hand, help, here, home, house, just, kind, know, land, large, learn, letter, line, little, live, man, me, means, men, most, mother, move, much, must, name, need, new, off, old, only, our, over, page, picture, place, play, point, put, read, right, same, say, sentence, set, should, show, small, sound, spell, still, study, such, take, tell, things, think, three, through, too, try, turn, us, very, want, well, went, where, why, work, world, years

Fry 3rd 100 above, add, almost, along, always, began, begin, being, below, between, book, both, car, carry, children, city, close, country, cut, don't, earth, eat, enough, every, example, eyes, face, family, far, father, feet, few, food, four, girl, got, group, grow, hard, head, hear, high, idea, important, Indian, it's, keep, last, late, leave, left, let, life, light, list, might, mile, miss, mountains, near, never, next, night, often, once, open, own, paper, plant, real, river, run, saw, school, sea, second, seem, side, something, sometimes, song, soon, start, state, stop, story, talk, those, thought, together, took, tree, under, until, walk, watch, while, white, without, young

Fry 4th 100 across, against, area, become, best, better, birds, black, body, certain, cold, color, complete, covered, cried, didn't, dog, door, draw, during, early, easy, ever, fall, farm, fast, field, figure, fire, fish, five, friends, ground, happened, heard, himself, hold, horse, hours, however, hundred, I'll, king, knew, listen, low, map, mark, measure, money, morning, music, north, notice, numeral, order, passed, pattern, piece, plan, problem, products, pulled, questions, reached, red, remember, rock, room, seen, several, ship, short, since, sing, slowly, south, space, stand, step, sun, sure, table, today, told, top, toward, town, travel, true, unit, upon, usually, voice, vowel, war, waves, whole, wind, wood

Fry 5th 100 able, ago, am, among, ball, base, became, behind, boat, box, bring, brought, building, built, cannot, carefully, check, circle, class, clear, common, contain, correct, course, dark, decided, deep, done, dry, English, equation, explain, fact, feel, filled, finally, fine, fly, force, front, full, game, gave, government, green, half, heat, heavy, hot, inches, include, inside, island, known, language, less, machine, material, minutes, note, nothing, noun, object, ocean, oh, pair, person, plane, power, produce, quickly, ran, rest, road, round, rule, scientists, shape, shown, six, size, special, stars, stay, stood, street, strong, surface, system, ten, though, thousands, understand, verb, wait, warm, week, wheels, yes, yet