

## 2nd Grade Core Course Descriptions

Guided Reading	Humanities
<p><b>K-2 Guided Reading Courses are comprised of three significant areas of study:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guided Reading</b> - Guided reading will support students with decoding and comprehension skills as they listen to and read stories and check their comprehension. The guided reading library contains hundreds of readers for levels Pre-A to assist students with confidence in reading. As a teaching tool, students will engage with the text in homogeneous subgroups with teachers.</li> <li>• <b>Phonics: Foundations—Students will receive instruction in critical foundational skills, emphasizing phonemic awareness, phonics, high-frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting, and spelling.</b> Foundations are combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated comprehension approach to reading and spelling.</li> <li>• <b>Writing—Students will interact with writing support by using poetry, modeling of writing, and text structure to produce writing.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Unit 1: Prepared, Aware, and Informed: Citizenship   Writing Focus:</b> Explanatory Students examine what it means to be a citizen, both as a member of their school and of the larger community.</p> <p><b>Unit 2: Protecting &amp; Providing: Rules, Laws, &amp; Government   Writing Focus:</b> Varied Students identify laws, rules, and consequences in the classroom and the United States and discuss their importance.</p> <p><b>Unit 3: Salad Bowl or Melting Pot: America's Story   Writing Focus:</b> Explanatory Students discuss how their communities are unified despite varied backgrounds and cultures and share principles, goals, and traditions.</p> <p><b>Unit 4: The World Inside a Map: Geography   Writing Focus:</b> Persuasive Students use connections to their families to learn about other nations and regions, considering the importance of landmarks and historical events in those places.</p>
Mathematics	Science
<p><b>SPORK BUTTERFLY C</b> is our primary instructional resource. SPORK BUTTERFLY is a math and science integration. "Learning Math through Science." Students will gain knowledge of foundational mathematics by focusing on five key areas: <b>operational thinking, number sense, measurement and data, geometry, and mathematical practice.</b> Students will also develop solid mathematical practices and learn to reason abstractly and quantitatively.</p>	<p><b>SPORK BUTTERFLY C</b> is our main resource for teaching science through a math-integrated approach. Built on the idea of "<b>Learning Math through Science,</b>" the curriculum focuses on <b>hands-on exploration and inquiry.</b> Students engage in meaningful investigations that build both science understanding and math fluency. Each unit brings science to life through real-world, interactive learning. <b>Topics we explore throughout the year: Living Things &amp; Classification, Habitats &amp; Earth Systems, Physical Science, Weather &amp; Space, and Human Body.</b></p>

## 2nd Grade School Supply List - School Year 2025-26

Items to bring to school	Items to keep at home	Class Specific Items
<input type="checkbox"/> Book bag/backpack <input type="checkbox"/> Zipper binder (Trapper Keeper/Caselt) <input type="checkbox"/> Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of earbuds (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-inch 3-ring binder <input type="checkbox"/> Insertable dividers with tabs <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for each Core Subject <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folder for homework <b>(Provided)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Large Pencil Pouch packed with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pencils</li> <li>• Safety Scissors</li> <li>• Small pencil sharpener that holds shavings</li> <li>• 2 highlighters</li> <li>• erasers</li> <li>• crayons/markers</li> <li>• Index cards</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Hand Sanitizer <input type="checkbox"/> Face Masks <input type="checkbox"/> Ziplock baggies (2 of each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quart</li> <li>• Gallon</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Packages of #2 Pencils <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of loose-leaf paper <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Old worksheets <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of glue sticks <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of ballpoint pens <input type="checkbox"/> Packages of colored pencils/markers <input type="checkbox"/> ELA & Humanities Anchor Texts***  <b>***Class sets of the Anchor Texts are provided; however, students are encouraged to purchase their own copy.***</b>	<p><b><u>PE/HEALTH</u></b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle  <p><b><u>ELA</u></b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder  <p><b><u>HUMANITIES</u></b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder  <p><b><u>SCIENCE/MATH integration</u></b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket Folder <input type="checkbox"/> 2-sided metric and standard to ¼ inch ruler <input type="checkbox"/> 4-function calculator <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Composition book  <p><b><u>ELECTIVE CLASS(ES)</u></b></p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Subject Spiral Notebook