

Unit 1: Second Grade Reading Growth Spurt

Content Area: **English Language Arts**
Course(s): **English Language Arts**
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Unit Overview

This unit is designed as an introduction to second grade reading workshop. Students will learn procedures for participating in their new classroom community, reading independently, and working with partners. They will begin to develop routines for selecting and recording book information. They will analyze habits of good readers, and begin to demonstrate those same habits which include reading independently and silently, actively thinking as a reader by recording thoughts, using post-its, as well as staying focused and building stamina by keeping a reading log. Students will develop habits for reading and talking about books with partners that may include how to sit, taking turns, reading together and retelling. In addition, Foundations, Level 2, Wilson Language Basics, (2012, Wilson Language Training Corporation) will be utilized and provide comprehensive instruction to students in phonemic awareness word study, spelling, and handwriting curriculum. This instruction will contribute greatly to fluency, vocabulary development, and the applications of strategies for understanding text. All are necessary for the successful development of reading comprehension.

Standards

LA.2.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.1	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.
LA.2.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.2	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.
LA.2.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.L.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
LA.2.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.SL.1	Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.2.3	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RF.2.4	Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.6	Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.1	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why, and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.2	Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.3	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.4	Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.5	Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.6	Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.10	By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poetry, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.2.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.2.1.a	Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., gaining the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.2.1.b	Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others.
CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.2.1.c	Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.

Essential Questions

How do readers make decisions based on habits, volume, and stamina?

How do readers think about before, during, and after reading?

What can partners talk about to grow ideas about their reading?

How do readers become independent problem solvers?

How can I get ready to share books I'm reading with my partner, retelling the important parts or parts that stood out to me and talking about what I've learned?

Application of Knowledge: Students will know that...

- readers choose just-right books and push themselves to read more
- Establish routines, procedures, and expectations for reading time in second grade
- Identify strategies for staying focused and building stamina
- Identify ways to read and talk about books with partners
- readers have skills and strategies to help them tackle complex texts and hard words
- Retelling and Monitoring for sense

Application of Skills: Students will be able to...

- use strategies and skills to check for comprehension, for example using Post-its to monitor

understanding

- choose and read books on their level with fluency and understanding
- help themselves while reading
- make decisions about their reading life
- prepare and plan for partner reading time
- retell a story from beginning to end
- think about their reading before, during and after the book
- use strategies and skills to understand hard words, for example locate small known words inside larger words

Teaching Points and Suggested Activities

The following teaching points and activities are adapted from Units of Study for Teaching Reading Grade 2 (Calkins et al., 2015) and serve as a loose framework for teachers, who will add and or emphasize based on their students' needs.

Teaching Points

- readers choose "how to" select and read "just right books"
- readers take a sneak peek to decide how a book wants to be read
- readers get stronger by reading a lot
- readers read in longer phrases, scooping up snap words
- readers keep tabs on comprehension
- readers can mark their thinking with a "post-it"
- readers use all they know to figure out tricky words
- teach students that working with words helps to hone vocabulary skills
- readers use more than one strategy at a time
- teach students that some beginnings and endings can be read in a snap
- teach students that compound words add to vocabulary development
- readers are flexible when they encounter vowel teams in tricky words
- teach students how to use vowel and blend sounds to tackle words
- readers have strategies for figuring out brand new words
- readers check themselves and their reading
- teach students that authors have intentions
- readers notice and use an author's craft moves
- readers think about and notice how a whole book clicks together with a masterful writer
- readers think about the lessons an author wants to teach their readers
- readers celebrate how much they have grown as readers

Activities to Support Teaching Points

- create and refer to anchor charts
- study pages from exemplar reader's notebooks

- provide and present mentor texts as models
- teach the *Work of Readers Charts*
- teach children strategies for holding onto text, for example by using Post-its and graphic organizers
- model (Talk Aloud) the strategies good readers use
- model, provide, and use a reader's notebook
- tap, sketch, or jot across a story as a way of retaining information and details
- study book introductions and endings
- practice creating mental movies as you read
- investigate figurative language and descriptive vocabulary and how authors use them
- Turn and Talk the dialogue in a story to bring the characters' feelings alive
- set mini-reading goals for engagement, print work, fluency, comprehension, and/or conversation
- provide checklists and reading progressions to assess and develop on-going reading goals
- scaffold skills with strategies, for example using Post-its to identify key elements of a chapter
- write long about reading
- practice alternating the speed a text is read to reflect tone and mood
- plan to celebrate the conclusion of classroom reading projects
- use technology in the reading classroom; for example digital journals

Assessments

Assessment in this unit takes three forms: diagnostic, formative, and summative. There are downloadable, digital versions of the assessment tools available through the online resources at; www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources. Teachers may also develop their own rubrics and assessments in order to include more specific elements of knowledge and skills listed in this unit summary.

Student self-assessment and peer assessment should take place whenever possible--again, in all three forms: diagnostic, formative, and summative. Removing the traditional emphasis on teacher assessment enables students to take more initiative and become self-directed.

On-going teacher assessment will take place in the context of a conference. Conferences, both small group and one-to-one conferring, are used to reinforce expectations, provide advice and/or assistance, and ultimately, to support growth.

Diagnostic Assessments

Running Records

www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources/assessments/running-records

Spelling Inventory

www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources/assessments/spelling-assessments

Individual beginning of the year "How's It Going?" conferences

Formative Assessments

Teacher-student conferences including: individual, small group, strategy group, and guided reading

Daily observation of students' participation during the active engagement segment of each mini-lesson.

Students' conversation with partners during Turn and Talk segment of mini-lessons.

Reading logs, Reader's Notebooks, Writing About Reading evidence (Post-its, journal entries, writing long about reading, for example)

Summative Assessment

Teacher-student conferences

Running Records

Spelling Assessments

Reading logs, Reader's Notebooks, and other evidence of students improving skills

Activities to Differentiate Instruction

- provide leveled books appropriate for all reading levels
- provide support as needed through conferencing
- provide support as needed through strategy groups
- provide support as needed through guided reading groups
- provide individualized copies of teaching charts
- provide modified and/or alternate grade level checklists and rubrics to scaffold or stretch learning
- scaffold or stretch learning through the use of various strategies
- provide appropriate reading partners

Challenge gifted students to incorporate more complex reading techniques based on the 3rd grade Reading Learning Progressions:

- base predictions on how stories tend to go, explaining reasons for predictions
- pay attention to structure while reading, note sequence words that may indicate a back-story or gaps in time between scenes.
- read complex sentences correctly by paying attention to punctuation
- talk about the big ideas/themes that a story teaches

- support ideas with details from several parts of a text and discuss how the details actually do support those ideas

Integrated/Cross-Disciplinary Instruction

Writing Workshop

- apply language and ideas from read alouds and independent reading
- utilize read alouds and independent reading as mentor texts
- apply spelling strategies
- identify areas of spelling needs
- apply grammar skills
- identify areas in need of addressing (spelling, grammar, mechanics)
- expand written vocabulary from read alouds and independent reading
- model sentence and paragraph structure after mentor texts

Content Areas: Science, Social Studies, Health

- read just right books in the content areas
- use mentor texts to deliver Social Studies content
- compare content area ideas and issues to what our characters deal with in our read alouds and mentor texts
- apply reading skills and strategies to the reading we do in the content areas

Study Skills

- use graphic organizers to support reading
- use checklists and rubrics to monitor progress
- use Venn diagrams and t-charts to gather, compare, and contrast events
- use highlighters, note cards, post-its, and other tools to keep track of story events, details, and ideas
- keep a log and notebook

The Arts

- analyze illustrations in books for details
- compare illustrations to other forms of art
- illustrate a passage that was just read to show details, ideas, and lessons
- act out a scene from a book to better visualize how a character feels

Suggested Mentor Texts and Other Resources

Resources

Units of Study for Teaching Reading:

- *Second Grade Reading Spurt* by Lucy Calkins and Shanna Schwartz
- *A Guide to the Reading Workshop, Primary Grades*; Lucy Calkins
- *Reading Pathways, Grades 3-5, Performance Assessments and Learning Progressions*; Lucy Calkins
- *If...Then... Curriculum: Assessment-Based Instruction, Grades K-2*; Lucy Calkins; Elizabeth Moore; and Colleagues From the TCRWP
- *Online Resources for Teaching Writing*; Lucy Calkins
- website: www.readingandwritingproject.org/resources

The Art of Teaching Reading; Lucy Calkins

The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Readers; Jennifer Serravallo

Leveled Books, K-8: Matching Texts to Readers for Effective Teaching; Irene C. Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell

Reading Miscue Inventory: From Evaluation to Instruction; Yetta M. Goodman

Miscue Analysis Made Easy: Building on Student Strengths; Sandra Wilde

Around the Reading Workshop in 180 Days; Frank Serafini

The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child; Donalyn Miller

Mindsets and Moves: Strategies That Help Readers Take Charge; Gravity Goldberg

Guiding Readers and Writers, Grades K-2; Irene C Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell

Smarter Charts; Marjorie Martinelli

Mentor Texts:

- Bigmama's by D. Crews
- Corduroy by D. Freeman
- Flying by D. Crews
- My Little Island by F. Lessac
- School Bus by D. Crews