

## 2nd Grade English Language Arts Checklist

### I Can Use Foundational Reading Skills:

- RF.2.3: I can show what I have learned about letters and sounds by figuring out words.
- RF.2.4: I can read and understand books at my level well.
- RF.2.4.A: I can read and understand second grade books.
- RF.2.4.C: I can stop when I am reading and fix words that I mess up or don't sound right.

### I Can Read Literature:

- RL.2.1: I can ask and answer who, what, where, when, why and how questions to show that I understand stories.
- RL.2.2: I can remember and tell different kinds of stories and share what the author is trying to teach.
- RL.2.3: I can describe how characters in a story react to important events in the story.
- RL.2.4: I can tell how words in stories, poems or songs can give them rhythm and help people understand them better.
- RL.2.5: I can describe how a story is written including the important parts of a beginning and an ending.
- RL.2.6: I can show that I know the characters in a story by telling about them or by using different character voices when I read aloud.
- RL.2.7: I can use what I learn from pictures and words to show that I understand the characters, setting and events of a story.
- RL.2.9: I can tell how two or more tellings of a story can be the same and different.
- RL.2.10: I can read and understand second grade stories and poems by myself.

### I Can Read Informational Text:

- RI.2.1: I can ask and answer who, what, where, when, why and how questions to show that I understand nonfiction.
- RI.2.2: I can tell the main idea of a piece of nonfiction, including the focus of important paragraphs.
- RI.2.3: I can make connections between different events in history.
- RI.2.3: I can make connections between different science ideas.
- RI.2.3: I can make connections between the different steps in a set of directions.
- RI.2.4: I can figure out the meanings of words when I am studying a second grade topic.
- RI.2.5: I can understand and use all the helpful parts of nonfiction books to find important facts and details quickly.
- RI.2.6: I can tell the author's main purpose in nonfiction writing.
- RI.2.7: I can use diagrams and pictures to help me understand nonfiction.
- RI.2.8: I can describe how reasons support the points that an author is trying to make.

- RI.2.9: I can tell how the important points in two pieces of nonfiction about the same topic are the same and different.
- RI.2.10: I can read and understand second grade nonfiction by myself.

#### I Can Write:

- W.2.1: I can write my opinion about a topic and give reasons for my thinking.
- W.2.2: I can write to teach about a topic by giving facts and definitions about the topic.
- W.2.3: I can write to tell an organized story with details about events, thoughts and feelings.
- W.2.5: I can listen to others' ideas to revise and edit my writing and make it better.
- W.2.6: I can use a computer or tablet to publish my writing.
- W.2.7: I can help my class explore books and write about what we learn.
- W.2.7: I can work with friends to make and record notes about science experiments.
- W.2.8: I can use what I have learned to answer questions or I can find out the answers somewhere else.

#### I Can Share and Listen:

- SL.2.1: I can show that I know how to have good conversations with my friends and teachers.
- SL.2.2: I can talk about the important ideas and details after I listen to someone read or speak.
- SL.2.3: I can ask and answer questions about what a speaker says to help me understand the information better.
- SL.2.4: I can tell or share a story with important details to help others understand.
- SL.2.5: I can use drawings or other things like that to help people understand me better.
- SL.2.6: I can speak and share my ideas in complete sentences when someone asks me a question.

#### I Can Use Standard English When I Speak and Write:

- L.2.1: I can show that I know how to use words correctly when I write and speak.
- L.2.1.A: I can use collective nouns (a group of people, a pride of lions).
- L.2.1.B: I can make and use irregular plural nouns correctly (feet, children, teeth, mice, fish).
- L.2.1.C: I can use reflexive pronouns (himself, myself, ourselves).
- L.2.1.D: I can make and use common regular verbs (sat, hid, told).
- L.2.1.E: I can use adjectives and adverbs correctly.
- L.2.1.F: I can make and use complete simple and compound sentences.
- L.2.2: I can show that I know how to write sentences correctly.
- L.2.2.A: I can use capital letters at the beginnings of holidays, product names and places on a map.
- L.2.2.B: I can use commas in greetings and closings of letters.
- L.2.2.C: I can use apostrophes to make contractions.
- L.2.2.C: I can use apostrophes to show possession.
- L.2.2.D: I can use spelling patterns I have learned to write words.

- L.2.2.E: I can use tools like a dictionary to check and correct my spelling.
- L.2.3: I can write, speak, read and listen by using what I know about the English language.
- L.2.3.A: I can compare formal and informal ways that people speak English.
- L.2.4: I can figure out what words mean by using the strategies I know and by thinking about what I have read.
- L.2.4.A: I can use context clues to help me understand new words.
- L.2.4.B: I can use prefixes that I know to help me understand new words.
- L.2.4.C: I can use root words to help me understand new words.
- L.2.4.D: I can use the meanings of the two smaller words in a compound word to make a prediction about what it means.
- L.2.4.E: I can use glossaries, dictionaries or the internet to help me find the meanings of new words.
- L.2.5: I can figure out how words are related and how their meanings might be alike.
- L.2.5.A: I can find real-life connections between words and the way they are used (foods that are spicy or juicy).
- L.2.5.B: I can tell the difference between similar verbs (toss, throw, hurl).
- L.2.5.B: I can tell the difference between similar adjectives (thin, slender, skinny, scrawny).
- L.2.6: I can use the new words I learn in different ways to show that I know what they mean.