The parent guide below is designed to keep you informed of exactly which standards are being taught during the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks grading period in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. In the left hand column you will see the exact language from the report card and the Alabama College and Career Readiness Standard (CCRS) on which it is based. The Skills column on the right-hand side addresses what is being assessed.

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks, second grade students will explore nonfiction texts, focusing on questioning and text features.. Students will apply their developing phonics and grammar skills while reading and writing informational texts.

Standard	Skills
Report Card  Asks and answers questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text  CCRS Standard  1. [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. a. Infer the main idea and supporting details in narrative texts.  [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.	Students are able to:      ask and answer questions to comprehend and monitor understanding     identify key details     understand and use who, what, where, when, why, and how to ask questions about key details     use original language to answer questions about key details
Report Card  Recounts stories and identifies main topic or central message/idea  CCRS Standard  [RI.2.2] Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.	Students are able to:  • identify the big idea of a multiparagraph text  • identify the main ideas of each paragraph of a multiparagraph text  • explain the relationship between the main idea of each paragraph and the main idea of the text  • apply these concepts to a variety of informational texts.
Report Card  Describes how characters respond to events and the connection between events/ideas  CCRS Standard  [RL.2.3] Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.  [RI.2.3] Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.	Students are able to:  describe characters  identify major events in a story  identify challenges faced by characters and describe how characters respond  describe connections between ideas in a text  apply this skill to historical, scientific, and technical texts
Report Card  Determines the meaning of words in text  CCRS Standard  [RI.2.4] Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a <i>Grade 2 topic or subject area</i> [L.2.4] Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on <i>Grade 2 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from an array of strategies. a. Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase. d. Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to predict the meaning of compound words. e. Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.  [L.2.5] Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings. a. Identify real-life connections between words and their use	<ul> <li>determine or clarify meaning of unknown words or phrases by drawing upon sentence-level context clues</li> <li>predict the meaning of compound words by drawing upon the meaning of the individual words</li> </ul>
Report Card  Describes the structure of text / Uses text features  CCRS Standard  [RI.2.5] Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. [RL.2.5] Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.	Students are able to:     efficiently use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text.     recognize story structure     retell a beginning and ending of a story     describe the purpose of a story's introduction and conclusion

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Report Card	Students are able to:
Acknowledges differences in the point of view of characters. Identifies author's purpose  CCRS Standard  [RI.2.6] Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. [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.	<ul> <li>identify the main purpose of a text</li> <li>explain which point of view is being represented at a specific point in a text</li> <li>explain differences in points of view between characters</li> <li>use different voices to represent characters while reading dialogue aloud</li> </ul>
Report Card Uses illustrations to explain or demonstrate understanding CCRS Standard  [RI.2.7] Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. [RL.2.7] Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.  Report Card  Describes how reasons support specific points the author makes in a nonfiction text	Students are able to:  • explain how images contribute to a text  • use images to clarify understanding of a text  • access print or digital text  • explain characters, setting, or plot based on information from text and illustrations  • support thinking with examples from text  This standard is not taught in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade during the first or second 9 weeks.
Report Card  Compares and contrasts two or more versions of the same story or important points from two texts.	This standard is not taught in 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade during the first or second 9 weeks.
Report Card  Knows and applies grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding  CCRS Standard  [RF.2.3] Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words. a.  Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words. b. Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams. c. Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels. f. Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	<ul> <li>Students are able to: <ul> <li>differentiate between long and short vowels in regularly spelled one-syllable words-long o (oa, ow), long vowel e,</li> <li>recognize and read common vowel teams in words</li> <li>read regularly spelled two-syllable words – ar, le (ble, tle, ple, kle, dle), ch, sh, th, soft c and soft g, ur, ir, er, inflections s and es</li> <li>decode two-syllable words by following basic patterns and breaking the words into syllables</li> </ul> </li> <li>Read high frequency words- left, few, along, close, seem hard, example, life, those, paper, got, often, important, don't while, might, something, next, open, begin, always, both, together, group, run</li> </ul>
Report Card  Expected Grade Level Reading Benchmark/ Current Reading Level  CCRS Standard  [RF.2.4] Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension. a. Read on-level text with purpose and understanding. b. Read on-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings. c. Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	At the end of the first 9 weeks grading period 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade students are expected to meet the following <u>minimum</u> scores: a <b>Level L text</b> , with <b>96%</b> of the words read correctly, a <b>level 3</b> on the NAEP fluency scale, <b>62WPM</b> , and <b>75% in retelling</b> and understanding the text. The <u>current reading level</u> that is recorded is the level at which a student was able to meet the above minimums (not including WPM).
Report Card  Uses the writing process of a particular text type to communicate ideas and information effectively CCRS Standard  [W.2.2] Write informative or explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section. [W.2.3] Write narratives in which they recount a well-elaborated event or short sequence of events, include details to describe actions, thoughts, and feelings, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide a sense of closure.	Students are able to write an informative/explanatory text and:  • identify qualities of informative / explanatory text  • select a topic for original writing  • select facts and definitions to develop points  • write informative/explanatory pieces  • provide a concluding statement or section  Students are able to write a narrative including:  • Words associated with time  • events with rich detail  • descriptive actions, thoughts, and feelings  • sense of closure

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Report Card  Strengthens writing using the writing process  CCRS Standard  [W.2.5] With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.	Students are able to:  use adult and peer guidance and support to strengthen writing produce writing that focuses on a topic revise writing edit writing
Report Card  Demonstrates a command of grammar and usage  CCRS Standard  [L.2.1] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. a. Use collective nouns (e.g., group).a. Use collective nouns (e.g., group). b. Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish). c. Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves). e. Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified. f. Produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences.	Students are able to:  use a variety of nouns correctly (collective- including <i>team</i> , <i>choir</i> , <i>army class</i> , etc., irregular plural)  use reflexive pronouns ( <i>myself</i> , <i>ourselves</i> )  produce, expand, and rearrange sentences  use adjectives and adverbs
Report Card  Demonstrates a command of capitalization and punctuation  CCRS Standard  [L.2.2] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. a. Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names. c. Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently occurring possessives	Students are able to:
Report Card  Applies correct spelling of grade-level words in written work  CCRS Standard  [L.2.2] Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. d. Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words	Students are able to:  • generalize learned spelling patterns • consult word reference materials to check and correct spellings
Report Card  Handwriting  CCRS Standard  [L1.1a] Print all uppercase and lowercase letters.	Students are able to  • correctly form all upper- and lowercase letters
Report Card  Effectively engages in discussions within a group.  CCRS Standard  [SL.2.1] Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about <i>Grade 2 topics and texts</i> with peers and adults in small and larger groups. 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). b. Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others. c.  Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed about the topics and texts under discussion.	Students are able to:  • listen attentively to conversations about grade 2 topics and texts • add to conversations about grade 2 topics and texts • gain the floor in respectful ways • take turns speaking • link their comments to the remarks of others • extend conversations • converse with peers and adults • converse in small and large groups • ask clarifying questions • ask for more information

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Report Card  Presents information clearly with appropriate facts and details  CCRS Standard  [SL.2.4] Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences.	Students are able to:  tell a story or recount an experience  use appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details  speak audibly
Report Card Produces complete sentences when appropriate to task  CCRS Standard  [SL.2.6] Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.	Students are able to:  • speak in coherent sentences