

Summer Practice for Second Grade

Reading:

Essential Skills

- **Fluency**-Reads grade-level text with appropriate pace, accuracy, expression, and understanding.
- **Accuracy**-Self-corrects mistakes and re-reads when necessary.
- **Vocabulary**- uses phonics skills to sound out new or unknown words, learns meaning of new or unknown words, tries to use new words in context
- **Comprehension**-understands what he or she reads
- **Genre**-Reads a variety of texts including fiction, non-fiction, fables, and poetry, and understands and talks about their main ideas and lessons. Students should also begin reading longer texts.

Ways to Practice

- **Get Serious About Series:** Find a series that interests your child and begin to read it together. You can read to your child, your child can read to you, or he or she can read a chapter independently. You can even interview each other as you read — ask about main ideas, events, and thoughts you each have about the books and characters.
- **Look It Up:** When your child encounters a word he or she doesn't know the meaning of, look up the meaning together. Use a grade-appropriate tool like the Scholastic Children's Dictionary — or you can even keep your own family dictionary, recording words and their definitions. Use the word yourself, or encourage your child to use that word in a sentence sometime during the day.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only twenty minutes a day.
- Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

Resources to Use

- **IXL**-students should continue to work in the Language Arts section. If they master a skill at the second grade level try the same skill on the third grade level.

- Read Theory- offers online reading activities for all ages and ability levels. The program adapts to students' individual ability levels and presents them with thousands of skill-building exercises that suit their needs. **Free, Grades K-12** (<https://readtheory.org/>)
- ReadWorks- Literacy lessons that include comprehension and short passages to analyze. **Free, Grades K-12** (<https://www.readworks.org/>)
- EPIC!- provides books for kids at all levels. It gives them the opportunity to read to self, listen to reading and take short quizzes afterwards to see if they are comprehending. **Free,** (<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>)
- ABCya!- Provides games for reading. This will make working in the summer seem less school-like and more fun! **Free,** (<https://www.abcya.com/>)

Math:

Essential Skills to Maintain

- **Basic Math Facts** - Practice basic addition/subtraction math facts.
- **3 Digit Addition/Subtraction** - Practice 3 Digit Addition/Subtraction problems with and without regrouping.
- **Word Problems** - Decide if the problem needs to be solved using addition or subtraction and make sure the answer makes sense.
- **Money** - Count coins and bills.
- **Time** - Tell time using digital and analog clocks.

Step Up to Grade 3 Preparation

- **10 Step Up to Grade 3** lessons are located in the math workbook after Topic 15.

Ways to Practice

- Complete the workbook pages "Step Up to 3rd Grade"
- Make Flash Cards to practice facts
- Play Math games online
- Play card games or dice games that involve adding, subtracting, or comparing numbers

- Play "Store" practice money adding/subtracting by "buying and selling items"
- Ask "What time is it?" throughout the day to practice time
- Count by 2's, 5's, 10's for fun

Resources to Use

- Pearson Realize - Students can use the website by clicking on the Explore tab after they sign in.
- IXL - Students can continue to practice the above skills on the second grade level and move up to the third grade level for a challenge.
- Fun4thebrain.com - Provides a fun way to practice/sharpen their knowledge of basic facts.
- Mathplayground.com - Students can play games to practice various math skills. You can play games without signing in.
- Homemade games - See ideas under Ways to Practice.