

Social Studies

In grade 2 social studies, students will study...

History and Geography

- Ancestry
- American History
- Traditions Around the World
- Landforms
- Map and Globe Skills

Civics and Government

- Famous Leaders
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community and Neighborhood Responsibility



We believe that students have the best opportunity to succeed in school when the home and school form a partnership. We encourage parents to familiarize themselves with these objectives. If you have questions about your child's program, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

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Specials

In grade 2 specials, students will ...

Music

- Recognize the treble staff, bass staff, and musical alphabet.
- Begin to recognize and draw 16 of the most common music symbols needed to start reading music.
- Begin playing the major scale using the whole, half, and quarter note rhythms.
- Begin singing major scale using solfege syllables.
- Read music rhythms.
- Memorize and perform patriotic songs for the Memorial Day concert.

Technology

- Record themselves reading stories they created.
- Become familiar with word processing through sentence and paragraph writing.
- Use Google Earth to locate specific places and demonstrate mapping skills.
- Learn how to be a good digital citizen.

Visual Art

- Recognize/identify warm and cool colors.
- Create a pattern based on shape knowledge.
- Discover the work of the Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky.
- Create Kandinsky's "Concentric Circles" painting.

Wellness

- Continue to develop motor skills through throwing and catching, movement together.
- Engage in team and individual activities to promote fitness.
- Develop personal and social competency through working in pairs and small groups.

World Language - Spanish

- Learn to ask and answer basic questions such as, "What is your name?"
- Count to 100.
- Practice saying the date.
- Identify vocabulary for parts of the body.

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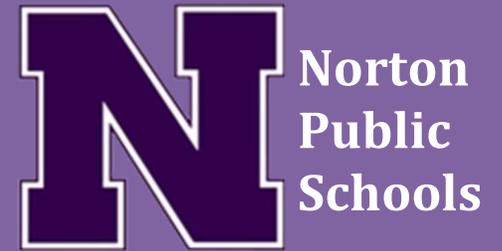
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Curriculum Guide

Grade 2

*Excellence
in Education*

The grade level objectives listed in this guide represent the course of study specified by the Massachusetts State Standards, which are based on the Common Core State Standards as well as Norton's locally designed curriculum for this grade. The purpose of this guide is to provide an overview of the content objectives for the core subjects of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies for each grade level. Most students are expected to demonstrate proficiency of these objectives by the end of the school year.

English Language Arts

Reading Standards for Foundational Skills

- Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.

Reading Standards for Literature

- Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details of a text.
- Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.
- Describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song.
- Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.
- Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.
- Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.
- Identify dialogue as words spoken by characters and explain what dialogue adds to a particular story or poem.
- Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story by different authors or from different cultures.
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend literature, including stories and poems, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

Reading Standards for Informational Text

- Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.
- Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.

Reading Standards for Informational Text Continued

- Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text.
- Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.
- Know and use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.
- Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.
- Explain how specific images contribute to and clarify a text.
- Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.
- Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.
- By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grade 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

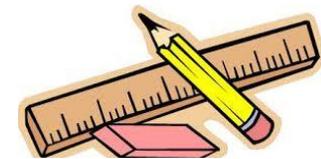
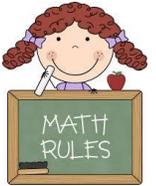
Writing Standards

- Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.
- 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.
- Write poems or stories with dialogue.
- With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing.
- With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including collaboration with peers.
- Participate in shared research and writing projects.
- Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.

Mathematics

In grade 2 mathematics, students will...

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Add and subtract within 20.
- Work with equal groups of objects to gain foundations for multiplication.
- Understand place value.
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.
- Measure and estimate lengths in standard units.
- Relate addition and subtraction to length.
- Work with time and money.
- Represent and interpret data.
- Reason with shapes and their attributes.



Science

In grade 2 science, students will study...

Physical Science

- Forces and Machines
- Magnets
- States of Matter

Earth Science

- Weather and Earth Changes
- The Sun and the Earth
- Earth Yesterday and Today

Life Science

- Characteristics of Animals
- Characteristics of Plants
- Land Habitats
- Water Habitats

