

2nd Grade American Online School

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

Reading, Writing, and Understanding Language

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1. Introduction

The Role of English Language Arts Education in 2nd Grade

In 2nd grade, students move from learning to read toward reading to learn. This curriculum develops the foundational skills of grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation, while also deepening students' ability to understand story elements, summarize texts, and express themselves in writing. Through engaging activities, structured practice, and creativity, students learn to navigate and produce language with increasing independence.

By the end of this course, students will:

- ✓ Identify and use basic parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.).
- ✓ Construct complete and clear sentences.
- ✓ Understand and identify story structure and character actions.
- ✓ Read texts with fluency and summarize main ideas.
- ✓ Apply capitalization and punctuation rules in writing.

2. Core Competence Areas

ELA.1 Grammar and Language Structure

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ Identify and classify key parts of speech.
- ✓ Understand how words function in a sentence.
- ✓ Build more complex sentences with clarity.

Competencies

ELA.1.A.1 – Parts of Speech: Words and Functions

- Identify and use nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, and conjunctions.
- Sort words by function in games and sentence-building activities.

ELA.1.A.2 – Sentence Construction and Variation

- Write simple and compound sentences using subject-verb-object patterns.
- Use varied sentence beginnings and transitions.

ELA.2 Writing: Punctuation and Capitalization

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Use punctuation marks (period, question mark, exclamation mark) appropriately.
- ✓ Apply capitalization rules at the beginning of sentences and for proper nouns.
- ✓ Copy and revise sentences with correct mechanics.

Competencies

ELA.2.A.1 – Applying capitalization and punctuation rules

- Copy model sentences and apply punctuation.
- Correct improperly punctuated or capitalized writing samples.

ELA.2.A.2 – Editing and refining written work

- Use checklists to review for sentence-ending punctuation and capital letters.
 - Apply feedback to improve clarity and correctness.
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ELA.3 Reading Comprehension: Story Elements and Summarizing

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Identify characters, setting, problem, and solution in stories.**
- ✓ **Retell and summarize stories using key details.**
- ✓ **Ask and answer questions about key ideas and events.**

Competencies

ELA.3.A.1 – Understanding narrative structure

- Chart story elements using graphic organizers.
- Role-play scenes or draw comic strips to show beginning, middle, end.

ELA.3.A.2 – Summarizing with clarity

- Use sentence starters and transition words to summarize short texts.
 - Differentiate between important and unimportant details.
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ELA.4 Sentence Structure and Mechanics

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ **Construct complete sentences with capital letters and ending punctuation.**
- ✓ **Differentiate between statements, questions, and exclamations.**
- ✓ **Use spacing, capitalization, and punctuation correctly in written work.**

Competencies

ELA.4.A.1 – Building basic sentence fluency

- Use magnetic word tiles and whiteboards to build sentences.
- “Capit & Punkt” routines to check sentence mechanics.

ELA.4.A.2 – Applying writing conventions independently

- Keep personal writing journals with teacher feedback.
 - Edit partner writing with “I Spy the Mistake” checklists.
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3. Assessment and Evaluation

Formative Assessments – Daily Practice and Journaling

- ✓ Word and sentence sorting games.
- ✓ Sentence-writing journals.
- ✓ Guided punctuation editing.

Summative Assessments – Writing and Reading Tasks

- ✓ Mini grammar quiz on sentence types and punctuation.
- ✓ Story element graphic organizer based on read-aloud.
- ✓ Written paragraph summary of a familiar story.

Authentic Assessment – Student-Created Work

- ✓ “My Word Garden” parts of speech project.
 - ✓ “Sentence Detective” class bulletin board.
 - ✓ “Book in a Box” storytelling presentation.
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4. Instructional Strategies for Online Learning

Interactive Language Practice

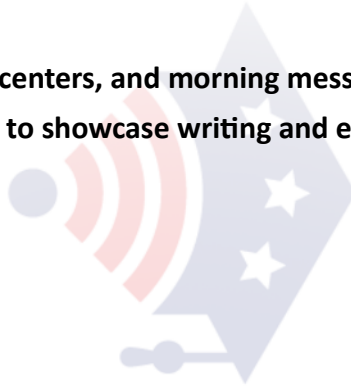
- ✓ Use pocket charts, magnetic words, and sentence cards
- ✓ Act out punctuation (e.g., jump for exclamation, freeze for period)

Integrated Literacy Experiences

- ✓ Use science and social studies texts for reading summaries
- ✓ Write thank-you notes, class newsletters, and opinion pieces

Language-Rich Environment

- ✓ Word walls, sentence-building centers, and morning message edits
- ✓ Classroom “Publishing Corner” to showcase writing and editing milestones.



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