

## Expectations for Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

### Language Arts

Be able to neatly print lower case and upper case alphabet, and understand the difference between the two, and also be able to write numbers clearly

Reading at or above a first grade level, should be either fluent or working to achieve fluency, and have proper decoding skills

Be able to complete a story map; know what an author and illustrator are, know what the setting is, and know how to list main characters

Know what a noun and verb are, and be able to write at least a simple sentence that makes sense, with proper punctuation, and capitalization.

### Math

Be familiar with math symbols (+, -, x, and division)

Know shapes such as squares, rectangles, triangles, and circles

Understand how to read time on an analog clock to the hour and half-hour.

Recognize change and the value of each (half dollar, quarter, dime, nickel, and penny)

Know how to spell number words: one through twenty

Be familiar with adding and subtracting a single digit number from a two-digit number without regrouping

Know addition math facts up through  $10+10$  and subtraction through  $20$  minus  $10$ .

## Reading Levels J-M

### Level J Books Feature

- 15 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 4–12 lines per page
- 300–400 words total
- No reliance on predictable pattern
- Richer vocabulary
- Pictures used to enhance understanding
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- 16 pages

### Level K Books Feature

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 4–14 lines of text per page
- 350–460 words total
- Much less concern about repeated use of high-frequency words
- Paragraph spacing introduced
- Photo captions more complex
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables and charts
- 16 pages

### Level L Books Feature

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 400–600 words total
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

## Level M Books Feature

- 18 words maximum per sentence; 9.5 words average
- 500–760 words total
- Full pages of text
- Text can wrap illustrations
- More complex sentences
- More specialized vocabulary
- Illustrations used to extend meaning
- Table of contents, captions, index, and glossary in nonfiction books
- Simple tables, charts, and graphs
- Can have breaks in dialogue
- 16 pages

## Helpful Resources for Parents

### Math

[www.singaporemath.com](http://www.singaporemath.com)

[www.singaporemathsource.com](http://www.singaporemathsource.com)

*Step-by-Step Model Drawing* by Char Forsten; ISBN: 978-1934026960

*Why Before How: Singapore Math Computation Strategies, Grades 1-6* by Jana Hazekamp; ISBN: 978-1934026823

### Language Arts

*Drawing Sentences: A Guide to Diagramming* by Eugene Moutoux;  
ISBN: 978-1935497158

*Diagramming Step by Step: One Hundred and Fifty-Five Steps to  
Excellence in Sentence Diagramming* by Eugene Moutoux;  
ISBN: 978-1935497653

*Grammar By Diagram - Second Edition Workbook: Understanding English  
Grammar Through Traditional Sentence Diagramming* by Cindy Vitto;  
ISBN: 978-1551119014