

## Second Grade Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Resources

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Second grade is a pivotal grade level as your child is transitioning from learning to read, to reading to learn. Your child will be able to read common vowel team pairs and read words with prefixes and suffixes. Your child will understand the meaning of words and phrases in texts and use context clues to determine the meaning of words he or she does not know. In second grade your child will begin to write in a more organized way using advanced words and phrases they have learned through conversations and what they have read. Your second grader will benefit from increased responsibility and independence!

### Second Grade Literacy Skills to Master

By the end of second grade, your child should be proficient in the skills in this list below. Library staff have paired free Library resources and activities to aid in the development of each skill. Click on any skill below to find out more: (hyperlinks to everything in blue)

- [Know the central message, lesson, or moral and describe how characters respond to major events and challenges.](#)
- [Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story or two texts on the same topic.](#)
- [Identify the author's main purpose in writing a text and the reasons the author gives to support the ideas.](#)
- [Write a well-planned detailed opinion, informative, and narrative work.](#)
- [Use digital tools to produce and publish writing.](#)
- [Participate in shared research and writing projects.](#)
- [Tell a story or recount an event using complete sentences with details.](#)
- [Show understanding of more difficult parts of speech \(nouns, verbs, adjectives\).](#)
- [Write complete sentences and questions, using basic capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.](#)

### Second Grade Curriculum Information for CMS Schools

CMS has adopted the EL Education K-5 Language Arts curriculum. This comprehensive literacy curriculum involves three hours per day of content-based literacy, including four eight-week learning modules that will be covered each school year.

#### Lexile Levels

The EL Education curriculum uses Lexile levels to indicate the complexity of the texts that will be used in each module. This can be confusing to parents and caregivers who may not be familiar with this system. Texts are assigned a Lexile level based on word difficulty and sentence complexity. While the goal is finding books that your child is interested in and excited to read, Lexile levels can be helpful in making sure they are reading literature appropriate to their ability, in terms of vocabulary and comprehension. Keep in mind that when texts are read aloud to second grade students in class, the Lexile level is usually two to three grade levels higher than what they are capable of reading independently.

Luckily, it is possible to filter books in the Library's catalog by Lexile level, and you can learn how to do so [here](#).

## Second Grade Modules and Support

Below you will find the focus and title of each of the four modules that are covered in second grade, with links to additional Library resources to support student learning for each one.

Module 1: [Building Literacy in a Collaborative Classroom- Schools and Community](#)

Module 2: [Learning through Science and Story- Fossils Tell of Earth's Changes](#)

Module 3: [Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others- The Secret World of Pollination](#)

Module 4: [Contributing to the Community- Providing for Pollinators](#)

Additional recommended books that are appropriate for second graders can be found [here](#).

## Additional Digital Library Resources to Extend Learning:

<a href="#">KidsInfoBits</a>	<a href="#">PebbleGo Science &amp; More!</a>	<a href="#">Scholastic GO</a>	<a href="#">TumbleBooks</a>
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**Additional Resources to Extend Learning** (Icons for [Read Charlotte](#), [NCDPI](#), AND [CML OneAccess page](#))

