

George Washington Academy
Guidelines for Entering Second Grade

Students entering second grade at George Washington Academy should have mastered the following academic, social, and behavioral milestones before entering school.

Language Arts:

- Be familiar with simple sentences using correct capitalization and punctuation at the end of a sentence.
- Know and identify nouns and verbs.
- Correctly form letters.
- Demonstrate proper handwriting position with body posture and pencil-grip.
- Returning GWA students will know all 70 phonograms.
- New to GWA students should know the basic sounds of letters.
- Know the (1st) short and (2nd) long sounds of all vowels.

Math:

- Tell time to the hour on both an analog clock and a digital clock.
- Know and recognize the hour hand and minute hand on an analog clock.
- Read and recognize numbers to 100.
- Know the place value for tens and ones.
- Know the months and days of the week.
- Be able to write the full date (month, day, year).
- Skip count by 2's, 5's, and 10's.
- Basic understanding of 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction.
- Recognize and count dimes, nickels and pennies.

Behaviorally:

- Follow 2-3 step directions independently.
- Listen and articulate at an appropriate age level
- Exhibit the independent motor skills regarding; getting dressed, tying shoelaces, putting their school work away, etc.

Homework:

- Math-2 pages
- Reading-20 minutes, 5 times a week
- Spelling- 1 page
- Facts to Know- CK (core knowledge) 3 minutes reading- 5 times a week