

## Grade Two Program Overview

### Ontario Curriculum

For more detailed information, copies of Curriculum Guidelines are available on the Ministry of Education's web site at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

**By the end of grade 2 your child will have participated in the following:**



**Language:** Areas of study include:

- **Oral and Visual Communication**
  - Listening to understand
  - Speaking to communicate
  - Reflecting on oral communication skills and strategies

- **Reading / Writing Focus**
  - Independent reading/writing: the students work on their own
  - Guided reading/writing: small groups working with the teacher
  - Shared reading/writing: working together as a class
  - Read Aloud: the teacher reads aloud to the students
  - Phonemic awareness
  - Media Literacy: awareness, understanding and interpretation of different media forms reflecting on Media Literacy skills

### The Arts:

**Visual Arts:** -elements of design(color, line, space etc). Introduction of famous artists and their work of art. Texture using different art tools and techniques. Art appreciation.

**Music:** introduction of music from a variety of cultures and historical period. Music theory/create and perform musical composition Introduction of famous composer and their work.

**Drama and Dance:** Initiation to elements of drama. Creating short dance pieces.

Learning the basic elements of improvisation.

**Health and Physical Education:** The Program focuses on developing the necessary skills and attitudes to promote and adopt an active, healthy lifestyle. Our program will emphasize general fitness, good sportsmanship, social skills, teamwork, and fair play, movement and manipulation, and ball skills.

**Mathematics:** Areas of study include:

- Number Sense and Numeration (addition/subtraction of 1 and 2 digit whole numbers with and without regrouping, numbers to 100, money, introduction to multiplication and division)
- Measurement (time to the nearest quarter hour, temperature, units of measure, perimeter, area, mass and capacity)
- Geometry and Spatial Sense (solids, location and movement on a grid)
- Patterning and Algebra (create/identify different patterns, and commutative properties)
- Data Management and Probability (organize data and, interpret graphs, describe probability)

**Science and Technology:** Units of study include:

- Life systems (Growth and Changes in Animals)
- Matter and Energy (Properties of Liquids and Solids)
- Structures and Mechanisms (Movement)
- Earth and Space in the Environment (Air and Water in the Environment)

**Social Studies:** Areas of study include looking at features of communities around the world, traditions and celebrations.

The homework program this year focuses on developing reading skills and fluency as well as familiarity with the sounds and spelling of words. Your child will be expected to be able to recognize and spell a variety of different words from the word wall list introduced weekly.

Your child is also encouraged to read his/her library books as well as borrowed books from the Public Library. As a general rule, it is appropriate for a grade two student to be doing **20 minutes of homework per evening**.

The students work very hard while at school and are given adequate time to complete assignments in class. Some work may be sent home to be completed if extra time is required.

Homework should be a time for your child to show you his/her learning. Showing interest, a positive attitude, and modeling a good organization of space and time will ensure your child's success.

## Woodroffe Avenue Public School

### Welcome to Grade Two



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**HOMEWORK**