

# MY CHILD'S LEARNING: A PARENT RESOURCE CUSTOMIZED INFO SHEET



## Art

Your Grade 2 child will draw and paint and explore printmaking, sculpture, fabric arts, photography and computer graphics. They will use various techniques to develop decorative styles for the things they create. Your child will interpret and communicate with visual symbols, appreciate the cultural aspects of art, and relate art to their life. Want to know more about Grade 2 Art? Refer to the [program of studies](#).

## English Language Arts

Grade 2 students share ideas and personal experiences with others. They think about how their own stories compare with their friends' stories. By further developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, your child will create, write and type their stories and use their language skills to help others. Your child will discover new words by sounding them out, thinking about how the words are used and looking at pictures. They will identify main characters, places and events and will invent stories with beginnings, middles and endings. For more about Grade 2 English Language Arts, refer to the [program of studies](#).

## Health and Life Skills

Your child will understand how to take care of their body by keeping active and by eating healthy foods. They'll become aware of how to answer the phone and door safely and who to trust in the neighbourhood; e.g., the police or Block Parents. By organizing their desk and volunteering around the school, your child will learn how to set goals and get things done. For more about Grade 2 Health and Life Skills, refer to the [program of studies](#).

## Mathematics

Grade 2 students

- count to 100 in many different ways (e.g., count by 5s starting at 35 and going to 100)
- compare and order numbers to 100 and know whether a number is even or odd
- show, describe and compare quantities to 100, using objects, pictures and numbers
- understand and apply [strategies](#) for addition [facts](#) up to and including  $9 + 9$  and related subtraction facts

- recall addition facts up to and including  $5 + 5$  and related subtraction facts
- add and subtract numbers to 100
- talk about how they solve problems
- connect numbers, shapes and time frames to everyday life (e.g., relate the number of days to a week)
- recognize and create repeating and increasing patterns
- construct 2-D shapes and 3-D objects
- use graphs to communicate information
- measure using nonstandard tools such as a hand span

For more about Grade 2 Mathematics, refer to the [program of studies](#).

## Music

Your Grade 2 child will make their own melodies and play simple rhythms. They will understand that rhythms can be paired with melodies and that printed symbols show the direction of a melody. They will find that melodies rise and fall and that music comes in different tempos. Exposed to many folk, ethnic, seasonal and holiday songs, your child will also explore movements in response to music. For more about Grade 2 Music, refer to the [program of studies](#).

## Physical Education

Your child will participate in dance, games, gymnastics, individual physical activities and activities outside of school, such as aquatics and outdoor pursuits. Through active and safe participation, they will understand what an active lifestyle involves and how their physical and emotional health will benefit from physical activity. Your child will also discover how positive interactions, through fair play, leadership and teamwork, make physical activity more fun and productive. For more information, refer to the [program of studies](#).

### Exemptions from Physical Education

Exemptions from participation in physical education may be given for medical conditions, when a medical certificate from a doctor is presented to the principal; for religious beliefs, when a statement in writing from a parent is presented to the principal; and when access to facilities is prohibitive. When exemption is granted, activities consistent with the program

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outcomes should be substituted, where appropriate.

School boards are required to ensure that all students in grades 1 to 9 are physically active for a minimum of 30 minutes daily through activities organized by the school. Schools are responsible for creating and nurturing a learning environment for students that supports the development of healthy and active lifestyles.

## Science

Your child will compare liquids based on how they interact with other materials. They'll design, test and build floating objects; explore heating and cooling of materials; and learn to measure temperature using a thermometer. Hands-on learning occurs as your child "plays" with magnets to identify, compare and predict how materials can be attracted or repelled. Your child will get outside and in the dirt to describe small flying and crawling creatures, like insects or slugs. They will learn what these critters eat, or who eats them, and what helps them survive. For more about Grade 2 Science, refer to the [program of studies](#).

## Social Studies

Your child will closely study an Inuit, an Acadian and a prairie community to help them understand how communities develop. They will explore how geography, language, culture and economics—among other things—help to make each community unique. Your child will also examine the importance of history in shaping each community's values, beliefs and situations. Through their study, they will begin to appreciate Canada's vast and diverse landscape. For more about Grade 2 Social Studies, refer to the [program of studies](#).