Grade Level Expectation Topic	Benchmark What the report card says	Focus Area within Benchmark Common Core State Standards	
Reading: Comprehends Narrative Literature Text	Identifies central message and key details	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	
		Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.	
	Understands text structures (beginning middle and end)	Describe the overall structure of a story, including describing how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.	
		Describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song	
	Understands narrative elements (character, setting and plot)	Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.	
		Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.	
	Compares/contrasts two versions of the same story	Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story (e.g., Cinderella stories) by different authors or from different cultures.	
	Uses illustrations to support and understand text	Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.	
Reading: Comprehends Informational Text	Identifies main topic and retells key details	Ask and answer such questions as who, what, where, when, why and how to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.	

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		Identify the main topic of a multi paragraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.			
		Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.			
	Identifies purpose of text				
		Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe.			
	Knows and uses text features	Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text.			
		Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.			
	Compares/contrasts important points in two texts on the same topic	Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic.			
Reading: Foundational Skills	Reads accurately at grade level	Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.			
	Reads fluently at grade level	Read on-level text with purpose and understanding.			
		Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.			
	Applies grade level phonics and word analysis skills	Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.			
		Distinguish long and short vowels when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.			
		Know spelling-sound correspondences for additional common vowel teams.			
		Decode regularly spelled two-syllable words with long vowels.			
		Decode words with common prefixes and suffixes.			
		Identify words with inconsistent but common spelling- sound correspondences.			

Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly	/
spelled words.	

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Speaking and	Engages in focused	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse		
listening	discussion	partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and		
	and collaboration	adults in small and larger groups.		
		Follow agreed-upon rules for discussion (e.g., gaining		
		the floor in respectful ways, listening to others with		
		care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).		
		Build on others' talk in conversations by linking their comments to the remarks of others.		
		Ask for clarification and further explanation as needed		
		about the topics and texts under discussion.		
		Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text		
		read aloud or information presented orally or through		
		other media.		
		Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in		
		order to clarify comprehension, gather additional		
		information, or deepen understanding of a topic or		
		issue.		
	Presents knowledge	Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate		
	and ideas clearly	facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking audibly		
		in coherent sentences.		
		Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add		
		drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts		
		of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas,		
		thoughts, and feelings.		
		Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task		
		and situation in order to provide requested detail or		
		clarification.		

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Writing: Text Types	Narrative	Write narratives in which they recount a well		
and	Recounts a series of events	elaborated event or short sequence of events, include		
Purposes	including thoughts, feelings and	details to describe actions, thoughts, and reasons, and		
	actions, transitions and a sense of	provide a concluding statement or section.		
	closure	White informative formly not on a toute in which they		
	Informative/Explanatory	Write informative/explanatory texts in which they		
	Includes an introduction, facts and a closing statement	introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section.		
	Opinion Identifies topic, states opinion,	Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion,		
	supports with reasons and has a	supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking		
	concluding statement	words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect		
		opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding		
		statement section.		
	Research to build and	Recall information from experiences or gather		
	present knowledge	information from provided sources to answer a		
	Participates in shared research and writing projects	question.		
		Participate in shared research and writing projects		
		(e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to		
		produce a report; record science observations).		
Writing and	Produces clear and	See focus area descriptions for narrative informative,		
Language skills	organized writing	explanatory and logical argument text types and purposes.		
	Revises for content	With guidance and support from adults and peers,		
	ideas and details	focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising.		
		With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing including in collaboration with peers.		
	Uses conventions	With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus		
	correctly	on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by editing.		
		Recall information from experiences or gather		
		information from provided sources to answer a question.		
	Applies grade level grammar	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.		

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		Use collective nouns (e.g.; group)
		Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural
		nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish).
		Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).
		Produce and expand rearrange complete simple and
		compound sentences (e.g., The boy watched the
		movie; The little boy watched the movie; The action
		movie was watched by the little boy).
	Uses correct grade	Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard
	level spelling when	English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when
	writing	writing.
		Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.
		Use an apostrophe to form contractions and frequently
		occurring possessives.
		Generalize learned spelling patterns when writing words (e.g., cage → badge; boy→ boil).
		Consult reference materials, including beginning
		dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spelling.
	Uses	Use knowledge of language and its conventions when
	strategies to	writing, speaking, reading or listening.
	determine the	
	meaning of	
	unknown	
	words	
		Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade a reading and content, choosing flexibly from an array of strategies.
		Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.
		Determine the meaning of the new word formed when
		a known prefix is added to a known word
		(e.g., happy/unhappy, tell/retell).
		Use a known root word as a clue to the meaning of an
		unknown word with the same root (e.g., addition,
		additional).
		Use knowledge of the meaning of individual words to
		predict the meaning of compound words (e.g.,
		birdhouse, lighthouse, housefly; bookshelf, notebook,
		bookmark).
		Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print
		and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of
		words and phrases.

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		Demonstrate understanding of word relationships and nuances in word meanings.	
		Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe foods that are spicy or juicy).	
		Distinguish shades of meaning among closely related verbs (e.g., toss, throw, hurl) and closely related adjectives (e.g., thin, slender skinny, scrawny).	
		Use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and responding to texts, including using adjectives and adverbs to describe.	