

# SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

## A Homework Program for GRADE 2 Students

\* As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher and they need a positive, supportive environment in order to be willing to take on new challenges. These fun activities can be done at home to reinforce the learning taking place throughout the day at school.

\* Find 30 minutes in your day and pick a few activities that your child will enjoy doing. Keep in mind that these are skills that are expected to be mastered by the end of Grade 2, so you may want to take baby steps as you try new activities.

### Operational Math - How Can You Help at Home?

- **Count** different items around the house or yard, with a goal of reaching **100** by the end of the school year (ex. count laundry as it is coming out of the dryer, count pasta, pine cones or cereal)
- Play **I SPY** with numbers around the house, focusing on numbers **1-20**. Have your child write down the number as the word. (ex. 14 – fourteen)
- Count your change! Take your coins out of your purse or piggy bank. Ask your child to tell you what each coin is and what it represents and then make change amounts up to **1 dollar**.
- Add and subtract items around the house, with a goal of reaching a total sum of **18**.  
(We need 11 tomatoes to make our sauce, we only have 6. How many more do we need to buy?)

### Sight Words

- The Dolch word list for Grade 2 is a list of commonly used words that students have to know by sight for fast or 'fluent' reading. The complete list of Dolch words is included in our resource section. Each month you will be given a new group of words to focus on. Put these words on smaller pieces of paper and use them as flash cards. For the month of September review the Grade 1 Dolch word list:
- **after, again, an, any, as, ask, by, could, every, fly, from, give, going, had, has, her, him, his, how, just, know, let, live, may, of, old, once, open, over, put, round, some, stop, take, thank, them, then, think, walk, were, when**

### Printing and Keyboarding

\* Included each month you will find pages for printing practice. Please focus on proper letter formation and spacing. If you would like to begin to develop typing skills check out the websites below.

## READING, READING, READING

As your child learns new skills, you will be amazed at how their reading will evolve. Along with reading to your child every night, have your child practice their skills by reading to you. While your child is reading to you, this is a great time to look for the Dolch words that they should be recognizing more and more

**Do you have a computer or Ipad at home? If so, try out some of these games. Playing these games will reinforce all of the above skills.**

**APPS** – Letter Quiz ,  
Splash Math,  
Sight Words List

**Online Games** - [www.abcya.com/ghost\\_typing.html](http://www.abcya.com/ghost_typing.html), [www.coolmathgames.com](http://www.coolmathgames.com),  
[www.learninggamesforkids.com](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com), [www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com),  
[www.primarygames.com/math.php](http://www.primarygames.com/math.php), <http://ca.ixl.com/math/grade-2>,  
[www.slimekids.com/games/typing-games/super-hyper-spider-typer.html](http://www.slimekids.com/games/typing-games/super-hyper-spider-typer.html)