

Polk County Schools

Second Grade High Frequency Word List

Second grade students are expected to know 71 Kindergarten high frequency words, 143 First Grade high frequency words, and 133 additional high frequency words by the end of the school year. Students are asked to read these words aloud from a list. Words are scored as being correct if they are recognized and pronounced accurately and quickly. Mastering increasing number of high frequency words is evidence that students are moving toward becoming fluent readers.

The emphasis on these basic words is to promote reading success for students by establishing the opportunity to acquire vocabulary that is encountered consistently in printed material.

Acquiring a large reading vocabulary is the foundation for the comprehension of printed text. This is a key to reading success.

First Nine Weeks	Second Nine Weeks	Third Nine Weeks	Fourth Nine Weeks
1. brown	1. before	1. mean	1. church
2. line	2. ever	2. started	2. sisters
3. more	3. cake	3. wife	3. windows
4. stop	4. smell	4. fire	4. birthday
5. few	5. thank	5. rock	5. dance
6. same	6. between	6. train	6. hold
7. alone	7. enough	7. wait	7. ride
8. home	8. idea	8. feed	8. cooks
9. river	9. number	9. letter	9. lion
10. think	10. country	10. lost	10. men
11. children	11. rain	11. sea	11. oil
12. black	12. sleep	12. bone	12. beautiful
13. last	13. light	13. draw	13. morning
14. man	14. answer	14. whose	14. America
15. mouse	15. bark	15. dinner	15. mountain
16. after	16. page	16. important	16. state
17. early	17. paper	17. seem	17. tires
18. someone	18. dark	18. stay	18. able
19. three	19. front	19. maybe	19. bike
20. eight	20. lake	20. near	20. board
21. may	21. past	21. park	21. seat

22. yellow	22. drink	22. sign	22. hole
23. well	23. hid	23. kittens	23. story
24. ate	24. road	24. miss	24. young
25. into	25. small	25. shop	25. above
26. been	26. white	26. steps	26. carry
27. off	27. under	27. surprise	27. group
28. part	28. never	28. words	28. hungry
29. today	29. warm	29. please	29. mile
30. upon	30. both	30. once	30. round
31. which	31. clean	31. laugh	31. myself
32. must	32. own	32. better	32. shall
33. called	33. things	33. asked	33. large
34. through			

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