



Scholastic News Grade 2 2024–2025 Planning Calendar

MONTH	TOPICS AND CURRICULUM STANDARDS	KEY READING SKILLS
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back-to-School Science: Seasonal Science • School Community: Social Development • Long Ago and Today: History • Growth Mindset: Self-Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Thinking • Using Visuals • Sight Words • Vocabulary
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Safety: Community/Safety • Spooky Science: Science and Inquiry • Pumpkin Boats: Plant Science • Elections: Civics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Details • Main Idea • Compare and Contrast • Text Feature: Maps
November*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Heritage Month: Special Days/Traditions • Veterans Day: Special Days/Civics • Thanksgiving: Special Days/Traditions • Fall-to-Winter Changes: Seasons/Animal Adaptations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Idea • Nonfiction Text Features • Text Evidence • Key Details
December/ January*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Holidays: Special Days/Traditions • Winter in Two Places (Compare/Contrast): Seasons/Geography • Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: American History/Civics • Polar Animals: Animals/Adaptations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Visuals to Get Information • Author's Purpose • Analyze Word Meaning • Retelling
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month: American History • Presidents' Day: Special Days/American History • Lunar New Year: Cultures/Traditions • Dental Health Month: Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and Effect • Text Evidence • Nonfiction Text Features • Context Clues
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Across America: Writing Process/Literacy • Women's History Month: History/Civics • History of Basketball (March Madness): History/Sports • Spring News: Current Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using New Vocabulary • Text Feature: Diagrams • Make Predictions • Sequencing
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth Day: Special Days/Environment • Meet a Cool Kid: Current Events/Social Awareness • Spring Weather: Seasons/Earth Science • Insects: Animals/Life Cycles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sequencing • Main Idea • Key Details • Problem and Solution
May/June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Fun in the Sun: Personal Safety • Summer News: Current Events • Oceans, Lakes, and Seashores: Habitats • American Symbols: American History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizing • Vocabulary • Key Details • Inferences

*Instead of combining our Nov./Dec. issues, we are combining our Dec./Jan. issues. You still get 32 great issues per year!
The editors may change content as needed.