

Scholastic News Grade 2 2023–2024 Planning Calendar

MONTH	TOPICS AND CURRICULUM STANDARDS	KEY READING SKILLS
September	 School Routines and Habits: Self-Management Back-to-School Science: Seasonal Science Our Class Community: Social Development Long Ago and Today: History 	 Critical Thinking Using Visuals Sight Words Vocabulary
October	 Fire Safety: Community/Safety Spiders: Animals/Adaptations Science Mysteries: Science and Inquiry Autumn Changes: Seasons/Earth Science 	Key DetailsMain IdeaCompare and ContrastText Feature: Maps
November/ December	 Native American Heritage Month: Special Days/ Traditions Veterans Day: Special Days/Civics Gratitude for the Holidays: Special Days/Social Development Animals in the Winter: Seasons/Animal Adaptations 	Main IdeaNonfiction Text FeaturesText EvidenceKey Details
January	 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: American History/Civics Polar Animals: Animals/Adaptations Snowflake Science: Weather Winter Fun (Indoors/Outdoors): Current Events 	 Using Visuals to Get Information Author's Purpose Analyze Word Meaning Retelling
February	 Black History Month: American History Presidents' Day: Special Days/American History Lunar New Year: Cultures/Traditions Valentine's Day: Special Days/Celebrations 	Cause and EffectText EvidenceNonfiction Text FeaturesContext Clues
March	 Read Across America (Author/Illustrator Pair): Writing Process/Collaboration Women's History Month: History/Civics Spring Plants Grow: Plant Science Animals in the Spring: Seasons/Animal Adaptations 	 Using New Vocabulary Text Feature: Diagrams Make Predictions Sequencing
April	 Earth Day: Special Days/Environment Meet a Cool Kid: Current Events/Social Awareness Insects: Animals/Life Cycles How It's Made: Processes 	SequencingMain IdeaKey DetailsProblem and Solution
May/June	 Summer Safety: Personal Safety Summer Fun: Current Events Oceans and Water: Habitats Our America (Holidays and Traditions): Cultures/ Traditions 	SummarizingVocabularyKey DetailsInferences