

A second grader is.....

a child who

- Takes responsibility seriously
- Is concerned about his/her actions
- Wants and expects to be reminded about chores
- Wants to behave in an acceptable manner

a child who likes

- to be read to on occasion, yet who also likes to read aloud to you
- to hear a twice told tale
- to work at a chalkboard

a reader who

- recognizes familiar words rapidly
- understands a story without knowing all the words
- may be critical of some reading materials
- may be temporarily more concerned about mechanics than meaning
- recognizes the main idea of a story
- enjoys humorous stories and corny jokes

a writer who

- strives for improved results
- may still reverse some letters and numerals but can recognize the reversals
- may not finish all of his/her work

a student who

- can work quietly
- sees likeness and differences in pictures, words and meanings
- can identify initial and final consonants
- is learning to identify long and short vowels
- can listen to directions without interrupting
- can respond well to directions

a child who needs

- a personal relationship with a teacher
- the joy received from a smile or warm hug
- to work independently on occasion but likes a teacher nearby for ready help
- a teacher who likes and understands children
- truthful, simple answers to questions

a child who doesn't like

- to feel left out of a group
- to experience new situations alone

