

Second Grade Shopping Lists

- You will need ALL of the required books and supplies listed on the MODG Second Grade pdf except possibly: Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum, Child-Size Masterpieces: Mommy, It's a Renoir! -TEXT,
- You WILL need the worksheets for Sound Beginnings. We always use the flashcards as well. There is a composition book mentioned in the Handwriting section, but it should really be in the section for Sound Beginnings. **You will need a lot of primary-lined paper for that text!** You can print out a bunch of the last page of the handwriting book and bind it, buy one, or print out lots of my sheet on my printables page.
- If you are doing the saint readings as assigned, you will also need to buy Picture Book of Saints, since you will use it all year long.
- Math-It should be bought used. I got mine for \$11.
- We use the **capitals cards** from www.memoryjoggers.com, every year for 2-5th. Definitely worth the price. We also use their **mult/div cards** next year. (Do NOT get the +/- rhyming cards. The numbers aren't incorporated into the pictures.) Also, Memory Tips for Math is a fabulous purchase. There are rhymes and stories and visuals for everything under the sun, money, measurement, time, year/calendar, carrying and borrowing, and on and on.
- We prefer the +/- **cards** from www.memoryaids.com. The numbers are actually incorporated into the pictures. They are "backwards" from Math-It. Math-It teaches you what to do, when adding 9's or 8's. These cards teach the fact families the other direction. Kids learn to name all of the combinations that make the 9-Swine, 10-hens, 12-elves, etc. (Don't get the multiplication posters, the one's above are much better.) We add one "family" every week on two on "Math-It" day and use them just like the states cards.
- The syllabus says that any crochet instruction will do. We use the CD Art of Crochet: 4 Kids, starring cute little boy, Ryan Anderson as the teacher. You will also need a ball of yarn and a needle (J size works for us.)
- The recommended book for the recorder is out of print; it's super annoying anyway. We use Nine-Note Recorder Method.
- The Klutz tissue paper flower craft is out of print. Alex Toys has a kit for giant tissue flowers that will last you through several kids. It makes 36 flowers.
- For the Music Masters Series, **there are exactly 8 that are not used in 3GRD-5GRD, and conveniently, that's the exact number you need for this year.** They are: Beethoven, Chopin, Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann and Grieg, and Wagner. Order the whole set (Adoremus Books \$58) and you're covered for all 3 yrs.
- If you intend to use the exact history books in the lesson plans for weeks 20-31, check your library or purchase the following in addition to those on the required list: Pocahontas (D'Aulaire), Thomas Jefferson (Meet Famous Americans Series), Childhood of

Famous Americans Series: Benjamin Franklin, Daniel Boone \$5.99
The order doesn't matter.

- You will need 4 blank books. We get our hardbacks from Barebooks.com. See my printables section for specific instructions and tables of contents links.
 - We find that a half-sized artist spiral sketch book works best for science.
 - Your saint notebook can be the one from last year, which should have just enough pages leftover, if you got the 28p. book. **There are only 8 saints retellings this year.**
 - **The map/family tree assignments are only 9.**
 - Your poetry notebook can be the one from last year. We used the 92-page K-5th. **You have 6 poems.**
- Figure out where your Jesse Tree Kit falls in the assignments and move it to the right spot. It will take FOUR weeks of 3 ornaments each, plus readings. Do buy the Celebrating Advent with a Jesse Tree by Winkler (1.50 at Adoremus). It gives you the readings for the ornaments. The last few are different, but you will figure it out.
- You will need **many** books for the read-aloud time, however it's very likely your library has plenty of the fiction books and the order doesn't matter. Also, my kids do better with the illustrated versions of the Book of Virtues available as a series or in a single treasury used online for cheap.
- When you look at the Saints booklists, don't freak out. Your library likely has STACKS of good Francis, Patrick, and Advent books. Most have lots of De Paola religious books which are perennial favorites here. I find that the pricey Betz, Flavius, and Ernest books from 1GRD work better this year than last. Get one and try it out. I have a static list of picture books we use every year as many of the recommended books are out of print. See the printables page for 2nd grade.
- For the liturgical year, note that the Lovasik and Winkler books (1.50 at Adormeus) are books to USE, not cuddle up and read. It would be like cuddling up to read a whole catechism. They're best as little refresher lessons spread over a week or more. The Path to Heaven book works that way too. It's a page a day spiritual exercises. Also, the Marigold Hunt book is incorrectly listed. It should be Life of Our Lord for Children. It will take you weeks and weeks, but it's delightful. So is her Book of Angels.
- You will also need to gather science supplies for all of the experiments. Also, the order of the experiments is not necessarily lined up with the season. See my printables page for supplies and notes.

Second Grade Tips and Recommendations

- Everything assignment in MoDG is “so good for their little brains” rather than focusing on exhaustive content. It’s different from every other program I’ve seen. It feels really weird at first, but it pays off later. Read the front matter in the syllabus, especially the goals for Second Grade.
- All MODG assignments are quality over quantity. Always go slowly and encourage your child to do his best work. **Stop** when you hit the time limit recommendations in the syllabus schedule.
- **“Read alone” time is 15-30 minutes a day.** This is not explicit in the printed syllabus; **it is also not optional.** Put it in your lesson plans M-F. We find that none of our kids are ready for the books on the 2nd grade list yet, so go back to 1st Grade, if you like, or use my “Learn to Read Alone” list on the printables page.
- **“Read Aloud” time is 15-30 minutes a day.** This is not explicit in the printed or the online syllabus; **it is also not optional.** Put it in your lesson planner M-TH. The easiest way I’ve found to get your 30 min: see if there is something in the Picture Book of Saints that day, hit any seasonal liturgical books you own, then reach for a fiction selection.
- Print out my **memory work booklet** on the printables page.
- Start a crate system to organize your worksheets. Number the folders 1-32 and place all of the Abeka worksheets, handwriting sheets, science worksheets, Music Masters CDs, Sound Beginning worksheet copies, flashcards, Hayes sheets, and anything else you like into the correct week.