

St. John Vianney Catholic School
Skills Your Child Should Know Before Coming into 2nd Grade...

SUBJECT	SHOULD KNOW	IDEAS TO KEEP SKILLS SHARP
RELIGION	Prayers Morning Offering Before Meal Prayer The Lord's Prayer Hail Mary	Say the Morning Offering at the beginning of the day. Bless Us O' Lord prayer before meal. Pray The Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary before bedtime
READING	Know long and short vowels	Sort short and long vowels using index cards.
	Read books at independent level Read grade level books	Read leveled books on Raz-Kids Parents can read to the child daily Child can read daily to parent
	Know First Grade Sight words	Make flash cards of sight words, or play scrabble
	Retell the story Sequencing events Identify the setting and characters of the story.	Have your child retell you a story that you read Have your child recall what they did that day
WRITING	Know sentences begin with a capitol letter and end with a punctuation mark	Practice writing letters correctly on lined paper
MATH	Know numbers 1-120 Understand the "ones" and "tens" place value	Write numbers correctly Write numbers with white crayon and use water color to paint. Write numbers with chalk
	Add and subtract up to 20 (10 + 8, or 20 – 8)	Make flash cards for addition Make flash cards for subtraction Create number sentences with a deck of cards
SCIENCE	Science is all around us	Go for a walk and look for wildlife or look for the moon On vacation? Describe what you see. Draw a picture.
SOCIAL STUDIES	Know basic cultures and traditions (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.)	Share family stories with your child Look through family albums
SOCIAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES	Follow directions and work independently. Sit for longer periods of time (30-40 minutes)	Give your child directions and have them repeat it back. Set a timer when practicing other subjects. How long can your child sit and focus?

Non-Tech Choice Board

Play a game (like Scrabble, Boggle, Jenga, checkers, Connect Four, CandyLand, or chess).	Jump rope or do jumping jacks!	Practice whistling, snapping, and shoe tying if you haven't learned yet.	Keep a daily journal with writing and sketches.	Make a comic strip showing scenes from your daily life.
Lie down on a blanket in your yard and look at the sky. Look for types of clouds and think about what they look like.	Build a fort with blankets, pillows, and chairs. Play and read inside it!	Put together a puzzle.	Sing some songs you have learned in Music. Teach one to your family.	Practice handwriting with shaving cream in the shower, drawing letters in the air or on someone's back.
Make an obstacle course to run, jump, and crawl through.	Build something with supplies around your house (i.e. toothpicks & marshmallows, Legos, etc)	Play "hangman" or tic-tac-toe with a family member.	Make paper airplanes with different styles and test which flies the straightest, fastest, best loops, etc.	Play math games with cards (i.e. making 10's, addition / subtraction war, comparing numbers).