Developmental Milestones for Language-2nd Grade

Listening and Understanding

- follow 3-4 oral directions in sequence
- understand direction words (location, space, and time)
- correctly answer questions about a grade-level story

Talking

- use more complex sentence structures
- clarify and explain words and ideas
- use language to inform, persuade, and entertain
- stay on topic, take turns and use appropriate eye contact during conversations
- begin and end conversations appropriately

Reading and Writing

- have fully mastered phonics/sound awareness
- associate speech sounds, syllables, words and phrases with their written form
- recognize many words by sight
- use meaning clues when reading
- re-read and self correct when necessary
- locate information to answer questions
- explain elements of a story (main idea, characters, plot)
- use experience to make predictions
- read and paraphrase/retell a story in sequence
- read spontaneously

- identify and use spelling patterns in words when reading
- write legibly
- use a variety of sentence types
- organize writing to include beginning, middle and end
- progress from inventive spelling (spelling by sound) to more accurate spelling