“Student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their child’s education, and good schools become even better when parents are involved.”

Ministry of Education (2016)

You have a tremendous impact on your child’s learning. We have created this guide to support you and the GECDSB’s mission which focuses on excellence in education by building confident learners, engaging with our communities and demonstrating ethical stewardship.

We are building tomorrow together – every learner every day!

Inside the Partners in Learning Guide:

- Ways to communicate between home and school
- Overall grade expectations from the Ministry of Education
- What learning looks like in the classroom
- How you can support your child at home
- Ministry resources

Home Support

Look for the house symbol for ideas and activities to try at home to support learning.
# Language

## Grade 2

### Oral Language

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Listen in order to understand and respond appropriately in a variety of situations for a variety of purposes
- Use speaking skills and strategies appropriately to communicate with different audiences for a variety of purposes
- Reflect on and identify their strengths as listeners and speakers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in oral communication situations

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Express personal interests
- Demonstrate when to speak and when to listen
- Talk about their own ideas and experiences related to a topic
- Use descriptive adjectives and adverbs to create images

**Overall Expectations In Action**

- Use a variety of voices while reading aloud with your child
- Encourage your child to ask questions about a text you read together
- Talk about different purposes for listening in a variety of settings (e.g. listening to the specials in a restaurant or to a message from a phone call)

### Reading

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Read and demonstrate an understanding of a variety of literary, graphic and informational texts using a range of strategies to construct meaning
- Recognize a variety of text forms, text features and stylistic elements, and demonstrate an understanding of how they help communicate meaning
- Use knowledge of words and cueing systems to read fluently
- Reflect on and identify their strengths as readers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful before, during and after reading

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Read a variety of books, fairy tales, maps, charts, etc.
- Retell a story, including the main ideas
- Demonstrate understanding through role play
- Make connections to themselves, texts and the world around them
- Practice reading with expression and a steady pace
- Engage in word study of common spelling patterns
- Read with their teacher in a small group

**Overall Expectations In Action**

- Read aloud to your child
- Encourage relatives and friends to share books as gifts
- Take your child to the library
- Play word games like Scrabble, Shake and Spell
- Have a book swap
- Select a variety of texts that interests your child (e.g. non-fiction, graphic novels)

### Notes/Goals:


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## Writing

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Generate, gather and organize ideas and information to write for an intended purpose and audience
- Draft and revise their writing using a variety of informational, literary and graphic forms and stylistic elements appropriate for the purpose and audience
- Use editing, proofreading and publishing skills, and strategies and knowledge of language conventions to correct errors, refine expression and present their work effectively
- Reflect on and identify their strengths as writers, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful at different stages in the writing process

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Write fairy tales and procedures for routine activities
- Organize ideas for writing using first, next, then and finally
- Plan, write, edit and revise their writing
- Use familiar words from the class word wall
- Create informational texts on topics they have researched
- Conference with their teacher about their writing

**Opportunities to continue the learning at home**

- Encourage your child to write daily (e.g. make lists, write letters)
- Draw pictures, label them and create a scrapbook
- Make journals of family activities or experiences
- Create games and write the rules for the game
- Research topics with your child based on interests and questions and create a log of learning

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## Media Literacy

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of a variety of media texts
- Identify some media forms and explain how the conventions and techniques associated with them are used to create meaning
- Create a variety of media texts for different purposes and audiences using appropriate forms, conventions and techniques
- Reflect on and identify their strengths as media interpreters and creators, areas for improvement, and the strategies they found most helpful in understanding and creating media texts

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Identify messages in children’s advertisements
- Express thoughts and feelings about movies and cartoons
- Identify points of view
- Suggest different view points
- Create media to tell a story

**Opportunities to continue the learning at home**

- Talk about advertisements and help your child understand the purpose of the ad
- Expose your child to a variety of media (e.g. flyers, food product labels)
- Discuss the message in movies, television shows and songs

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**NOTES/GOALS:**

[Additional notes and goals here]

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# MATHEMATICS

## Grade 2

### Numbers Sense and Numeration

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Read, represent, compare and order whole numbers to 100, and use concrete materials to represent fractions and money amounts to 100¢
- Demonstrate an understanding of magnitude by counting forward to 200 and backwards from 50 using multiples of various numbers as starting points
- Solve problems involving the addition and subtraction of one- and two-digit whole numbers using a variety of strategies, and investigate multiplication and division

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Use a variety of tools (e.g. connecting cubes, number lines, hundreds charts)
- Count forward using different increments to 200 using a variety of tools and strategies
- Use concrete materials and drawings to solve addition and subtraction problems

**Overall Expectations In Action**

- Look for numbers in your environment and have your child read and put them in order
- Skip count with your child (e.g. by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s) and talk about the patterns you see
- Ask your child to solve real-life math problems (e.g. I can share 12 carrot sticks equally among 4 friends by giving each person 3 carrot sticks.)
- Ask your child to represent a number in a variety of ways (e.g. 18 = 9+9, 10+8, 20-2, etc.)

### Measurement

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Estimate, measure and record length, perimeter, area, mass, capacity, time and temperature using non-standard units and standard units
- Compare, describe and order objects using attributes measured in non-standard units and standard units

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Use standard and non-standard units such as paper clips, string, centimetres and metres to measure around the school
- Measure familiar items found in the classroom

**Overall Expectations In Action**

- Use cues to let your child know the passage of time (e.g. it’s 5 minutes until bedtime)
- Track the temperature on an outdoor thermometer
- Ask your child to tell time to the quarter hour

### Geometry and Spatial Sense

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Identify two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures and sort and classify them by their geometric properties
- Compose and decompose two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures
- Describe and represent the relative locations of objects, and represent objects on a map

**Overall Expectations**

- Use the school environment to identify shapes and their properties
- Ask your child to use a map to locate familiar landmarks on campus

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In the classroom, students may:
- Identify, describe and compare 2D shapes and 3D figures
- Build and describe 2D and 3D structures using concrete materials
- Draw simple maps of familiar settings and describe the relative locations of objects on the maps

Overall Expectations In Action

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<td>- Help your child find various street signs and have them name the shapes that are on them</td>
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<td>- Construct a fort and discuss the different 2D shapes and 3D figures that you used</td>
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<td>- Draw a map of your bedroom showing the locations of your furniture</td>
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**Patterning and Algebra**

By the end of Grade 2, students will:
- Identify, describe, extend and create repeating, growing and shrinking patterns
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of equality between pairs of expressions using concrete materials, symbols and addition and subtraction to 18

In the classroom, students may:
- Create repeating, growing and shrinking patterns
- Determine the missing value in an equation involving addition and subtraction to 18

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<td>- Create a number pattern and ask your child to predict a number later in the pattern</td>
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<td>- Use counters to determine the missing number in the equation $6 + 7 = ? + 5$</td>
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**Data Management and Probability**

By the end of Grade 2, students will:
- Collect and organize categorical or discrete primary data and display the data using tally charts, concrete graphs, pictographs, line plots, simple bar graphs and other graphic organizers with labels ordered appropriately along horizontal axes, as needed
- Read and describe primary data presented in tally charts, concrete graphs, pictographs, line plots, simple bar graphs and other graphic organizers
- Describe probability in everyday situations and simple games

In the classroom, students may:
- Survey and organize data in graphs
- Interpret and compare graphical information
- Use mathematical language to describe the likelihood of everyday events (e.g. likely, unlikely, impossible, certain)

Overall Expectations In Action

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<td>- Encourage your child to sort household items (e.g. crayons by colour, cutlery by type or shape, materials for the recycling box)</td>
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<td>- Create a graph depicting the weather and talk about the number of sunny, cloudy and rainy days during the month</td>
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<td>- Use games to reinforce the likelihood of an event happening</td>
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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Understanding Life Systems: Growth and Changes In Animals

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Assess ways in which animals have an impact on society and the environment, and ways in which humans have an impact upon animals and the places where they live
- Investigate similarities and differences in the characteristics of various animals
- Demonstrate an understanding that animals grow and change and have distinct characteristics

In the classroom, students may:

- Sort animals by their similarities and differences (e.g. number of legs, where they live)
- Ask questions and read books about how we can protect animals and their environment
- Investigate the life cycle of an animal such as a butterfly

Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Discuss the positive and negative impacts of human activity on animals (e.g. protecting endangered species, saving wetlands)
- Visit a local wildlife area to investigate the life cycle of animals throughout the seasons (e.g. frogs, butterflies)
- Discuss ways humans and animals are alike (e.g. body parts, life cycles, need for food and shelter)

Understanding Structures and Mechanisms: Movement

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Assess the impact on society and the environment of simple machines and mechanisms
- Investigate mechanisms that include simple machines and enable movement
- Demonstrate an understanding of movement and ways in which simple machines help to move objects

In the classroom, students may:

- Explore common simple machines such as a teeter totter
- Ask questions about how simple machines can improve human life
- Investigate how different toys move and the force used to move them

Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Talk about the simple machines in the home and how they make your life easier (e.g. using a cart to move a fridge)
- Investigate how different objects move (e.g. can opener)
- Do a search for six simple machines in your home (e.g. lever, inclined plane, pulley, wheel and axle, screw, and wedge)

Understanding Matter and Energy: Properties of Liquids and Solids

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Assess ways in which the uses of liquids and solids can have an impact on society and the environment
- Investigate the properties of and interactions among liquids and solids
- Demonstrate an understanding of the properties of liquids and solids

In the classroom, students may:

- Explore the ways solids and liquids can change (e.g. ice cubes melting)

Opportunities to continue the learning at home

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- Ask questions about what would happen if we combined liquids and solids
- Test “what if’s” such as putting a solid in a liquid - Does it sink or float?
- Take a trip to the local recycling plant to see how certain liquids are disposed of to protect the environment (e.g. old paint, gasoline)
- Investigate the speed that different liquids pour (e.g. honey, ketchup, syrup, water, oil)
- Investigate what happens when liquids are exposed to different temperatures (e.g. water becomes ice when cold)

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<td>• Assess ways in which the actions of humans have an impact on the quality of air and water, and ways in which the quality of air and water has an impact on living things</td>
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<td>• Investigate the characteristics of air and water and the visible/invisible effects of and changes to air and/or water in the environment</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate an understanding of the ways in which air and water are used by living things to help them meet their basic needs</td>
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<td>• Watch demonstrations of the water cycle (e.g. heat water in a kettle to show evaporation and the build-up of condensation on a mirror)</td>
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<td>• Share questions they have about changes of state in our environment such as where does a puddle go or where does rain come from</td>
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<td>• Read books and visit websites that show the water cycle at work</td>
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<td>• Create a plan to reduce the amount of water used in the home (e.g. shut off tap when brushing your teeth, reduce lawn watering)</td>
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<td>• Investigate how much water exists on our planet (e.g. Google Earth)</td>
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<td>• Ask your child to record how they use clean water on a daily basis</td>
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### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### Grade 2

**Heritage and Identity: Changing Family and Community Traditions**

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Compare some significant traditions and celebrations among diverse groups and at different times, and identify some of the reasons for changes in these traditions/celebrations
- Use the social studies inquiry process to investigate some of the past and present traditions and celebration within their own family and the communities to which they belong
- Describe some of the major groups in their community, including different types of families, and some of the ways in which traditions and heritage are passed on by such groups

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Compare traditions and celebrations of various cultural groups in the local community
- Use the inquiry process to investigate some of the past and present traditions and celebrations in their family
- Organize, in chronological order, some important events and people from multiple generations in their family

**Opportunities to continue the learning at home**

- Visit various cultural celebrations within the community
- Encourage your child to gather information from older relatives about the traditions they celebrate
- Construct a family tree with your child

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**People and Environments: Global Communities**

**By the end of Grade 2, students will:**

- Describe some similarities and differences in the ways in which people in two or more communities in different parts of the world meet their needs and have adapted to the location, climate, and physical features of their regions
- Use the social studies inquiry process to investigate aspects of the interrelationship between the natural environment, including the climate of selected communities and the ways in which people in those communities live
- Identify and locate various physical features and selected communities around the world, and describe some aspects of people’s ways of life in those communities

**In the classroom, students may:**

- Identify ways that the lives of children in other countries may be different from Canadian children
- Use the inquiry process to analyze patterns in natural environments of selected communities
- Label continents and significant bodies of water on a globe and a map

**Opportunities to continue the learning at home**

- Watch news stories and discuss how the current events affect the children in those countries
- Help your child identify how the climate affects the sports that are played in various countries
- Assist your child in finding their community on a globe and a map

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# The Arts

## Dance

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Apply the creative process to the composition of simple dance phrases, using the elements of dance to communicate feelings and ideas
- Apply the critical analysis process to communicate their feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of dance pieces and experiences
- Demonstrate an understanding of a variety of dance forms and styles from the past and present, and their social and/or community contexts

In the classroom, students may:

- Create a simple dance inspired by the outdoor play
- Identify how the elements of dance are used to communicate meaning
- Use dance to represent the main idea in a poem or story

### Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Talk about the feelings or moods created by a dance
- Mimic dance styles and patterns
- Have your child talk about possible connections between dance and music

## Drama

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Apply the creative process to dramatic play and process drama using the elements and conventions of drama to communicate feelings, ideas and stories
- Apply the critical analysis process to communicate feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of drama works and experiences
- An understanding of a variety of drama and theatre forms and styles from the past and present, and their social and/or community contexts

In the classroom, students may:

- Participate in dramatic play and role play
- Communicate thoughts, feelings and perspectives within role
- Celebrate drama and theatre traditions from around the world

### Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Promote and share theatre experiences with your child
- Talk about what they like or dislike about a character’s role
- Role play a story or part of the story they are reading

## Music

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Apply the creative process to create and perform music for a variety of purposes, using the elements and techniques of music
- Apply the critical analysis process to communicate their feelings, ideas, and understandings in response to a variety of music and musical experiences
- Demonstrate an understanding of a variety of musical genres and styles from the past and present, and their social and/or community contexts
In the classroom, students may:

- Create and perform simple music
- Discuss personal responses to music pieces
- Describe how elements of music create mood

### Overall Expectations In Action

#### Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Initiate conversation about why your child likes or dislikes a song
- Play a game trying to recognize the instruments in a song
- Teach your child the lyrics to one of your favourite childhood songs

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**Visual Arts**

By the end of Grade 2, students will:

- Apply the creative process to produce a variety of two- and three-dimensional art works using elements, principles and techniques of visual arts to communicate feelings, ideas and understandings
- Apply the critical analysis process to communicate feelings, ideas and understandings in response to a variety of art works and art experiences
- Demonstrate an understanding of a variety of art forms, styles and techniques from the past and present, and their social and/or community contexts

In the classroom, students may:

- Create works of art inspired by the world around them
- Use the elements of design in their art work to show feeling
- Express their feelings and ideas about works of art

#### Overall Expectations In Action

#### Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Create art using materials found in nature
- Create art using only line, shape or colour
- Go online and take a virtual tour of a gallery
- Google the work of a famous artist (e.g. [www.googleartproject.com](http://www.googleartproject.com))

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### HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION  Grade 2

#### Active Living
By the end of Grade 2, students will:

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<td>• Participate actively and regularly in a wide variety of physical activities, and demonstrate an understanding of the value of regular physical activity in their daily lives</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others as they participate in physical activities</td>
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<td>• Dance to music and play cooperative games</td>
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<td>• Monitor their body’s response to physical activity</td>
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#### Movement Competence
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<td>• Perform movement skills, demonstrating awareness of the basic requirements of the skills and applying movement concepts as appropriate, as they engage in a variety of physical activities</td>
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<td>• Apply movement strategies appropriately, demonstrating an understanding of the components of a variety of physical activities, in order to enhance their ability to participate successfully in those activities</td>
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<td>• Balance, making different body shapes</td>
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<td>• Describe what fair play looks like</td>
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#### Healthy Living
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<td>• Demonstrate an understanding of factors that contribute to healthy development</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate the ability to apply health knowledge and living skills to make reasoned decisions and take appropriate actions relating to their personal health and well-being</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate the ability to make connections that relate to health and well-being, how their choices and behaviours affect both themselves and others, and how factors in the world around them affect their own and others’ health and well-being</td>
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<td>• Create an exit plan for home fire safety</td>
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<td>• Design menus for a healthy lunch</td>
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<td>• Describe how to relate positively to others in the classroom</td>
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<td>• Learn about the basic stages of human development</td>
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### Opportunities to continue the learning at home

- Discuss why it is important to be active and safe
- Have conversations about cultural practices and how they relate to healthy living
- Create challenges for your child like balancing on one foot for different lengths of time
- While playing family games, discuss why rules might be fair or unfair
- Create a fire exit plan with the whole family
- At the pharmacy, make your child aware of safe and unsafe drugs
- Discuss how your child can better problem solve and manage anger with siblings and/or friends

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**FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

“Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada’s official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.”

Ministry of Education, 2013 FSL Curriculum Grades 1-8

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<td>• Learning a second language supports a child’s continuing growth in their first language</td>
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<td>• Students develop motivation, self-esteem, and confidence, enriched social skills, and increased cultural appreciation</td>
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<td>• A wider variety of opportunities for future success and opportunities are available</td>
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<td>The Core French program is mandatory in all English Language schools, <strong>beginning in Grade 4</strong>. Students will receive 120 hours of French per year in Grades 4–8.</td>
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<td>• JK – Grade 1 — 100% of instruction in French</td>
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<td>• Grades 2–5 — 80% French (Language Arts is in English)</td>
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<td>• Grades 6–8 — 50% French (Math, Science, and Language Arts are in English)</td>
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<td>• For subjects other than FSL that are taught in French, the expectations in each course are those outlined in the English-language curriculum policy documents.</td>
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The elementary school curriculum for Core French, Extended French, and French Immersion is designed to prepare students for success in the corresponding program at the secondary level.

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<td>• Talk to your child about the benefits of learning French</td>
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<td>• Encourage your child to talk, read, and write in their first language</td>
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<td>• Read aloud to your child in their first language</td>
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<td>• Support your child’s exploration of French resources (e.g., books, songs, videos, museums, art galleries)</td>
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<td>• Encourage your child to share their learning with you. They could be your teacher!</td>
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<th>Talk to your child’s teacher about other resources</th>
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<td>The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 1-8, Language (2006)</td>
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What is available at school?
The GECDSB offers library programs with qualified Teacher-Librarians in our schools. All students have access to an up-to-date school library with collections that support curriculum, digital citizenship, inquiry, and reading for pleasure.

Can we access library materials from home?
The GECDSB provides a “virtual library” for students they can use at school and at home — including access to eBooks, encyclopedias, research support, subscription databases, and much more.

Virtual Library Link: https://publicboard.ca/Students/VirtualLibrary/Pages/default.aspx

www.publicboard.ca > Students > Virtual Library > Elementary Virtual Library Commons > Online Databases

Read or listen to topics from Science including animals, weather, and natural disasters.

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Read or listen to fiction and non-fiction stories on the same topic.

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Read or listen to many stories in different languages.

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These are some examples of the databases and encyclopedias within our GECDSB collection. All GECDSB databases and encyclopedias require a login and password which your child can obtain from his or her school Teacher-Librarian.

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## RESOURCES

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COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

“The partnership of parents and teachers is a powerful one.”
Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE), Parent Tool Kit

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What are ways to connect with my child’s school?

**School Website/Newsletter**
Check out the school newsletter or use the school’s website to check on activities and events throughout the year. Ask your child’s teacher if there is a different form of communication they use to keep in contact with the home (e.g., agenda, newsletters, websites, and EDSBY).

**Meet the Staff**
Start the year by meeting your child’s staff in September. Meet the Staff events occur within the first month of school. We look forward to meeting you during this informal event.

**Report Cards**
Elementary Progress Reports are sent home in November. The Elementary Provincial Report card will be sent home in January and the second one will be sent home towards the end of June. Sit down with your child to review their progress. Complete and discuss the back portion of the report card (setting goals and next steps) with your child before sending the signed copy to your child’s school.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Contact the school when you receive your child’s report cards to schedule a telephone conversation or in-person meeting to discuss your child’s progress with their teachers.

**School Advisory Committee (SAC)**
School Councils have been created to enhance students’ learning through the cooperative efforts of parents, students, staff members, and others in the community. Speak with the administration at your child’s school for more information on how to support your school’s committee.

**Greater Essex County Parent Involvement Committee**
The Greater Essex County District School Board Parent Involvement Committee (GECPIC) provides regular opportunities for parents to network, share ideas, offer advice and stay informed through educational presentations and relevant topics throughout the school year. GECPIC has established parental engagement as a priority and promotes communication among School Councils, parents, staff, community partners, Trustees, and the Director. To confirm dates and times visit [www.publicboard.ca](http://www.publicboard.ca) (Parent Involvement).