

## How They Grow in Second Grade

### Where They Are

At age seven, children start to focus a bit more. They:

- Begin to reason and concentrate.
- Worry, are self-critical, and may express a lack of confidence.
- Demand more of their teacher's time.
- Dislike being singled out, even for praise.

### Where They're Going

At seven years old, your child is continuing to learn about herself and others. You can help by encouraging her as she:

- Develops a concept of herself.
- Begins to understand others.
- Gains respect for others.
- Builds relationships with others.
- Develops a sense of responsibility.

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## A Typical Second Grader

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Is your seven-year-old normal? What's normal, anyway? Below are some general development milestones to help you understand your child's progress over the school year. Keep in mind that every child is different and may not fit perfectly into this framework.

### Where They Are

At seven, kids begin to calm down a bit. They:

- Begin to reason and concentrate.
- Worry, are self-critical, and may express a lack of confidence.
- Demand more of their teacher's time.
- Dislike being singled out, even for praise.

### Where They're Going

School isn't just academics. Your child's teachers are also helping her grow socially. At seven-years-old, your child is continuing to learn about herself and others. You can help by encouraging her as she:

- Develops a concept of herself.
- Begins to understand others.
- Gains respect for others.
- Builds relationships with others.
- Develops a sense of responsibility.

If you're concerned about your child's behavior, see our experts for help.

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