Second Grade Reading: Minimum Assessment Expectations

	Beginning of Year	On-going Assessment			End of Year
Assess	 Use Spring 1st Grade PALS Administer Fall PALS for Students NOT meeting high benchmark in 	Monitor PALS subtest skills for students NOT meeting Fall PALS benchmark	Administer Mid- year PALS subtests for students NOT meeting Fall PALS subtest benchmarks and for students for whom more information is need to guide instruction	• Take a Running/ Reading Record* on ALL Students	Administer PALS for Students NOT meeting high benchmark on Spring of 1 st grade or Fall of 2 nd grade PALS
	Spring of 1st grade Take a Running/ Reading Record* on ALL Students or use PALS reading level	 Monitoring Examples: PALS Quick Checks Take Running/ Reading Records* on ALL Students 		February • Administer Practice MCPS SOL BENCHMARK for ALL Students	
Analyze	 Analyze Spring 1st Grade PALS data to Group students NOT meeting benchmarks in small groups for targeted instruction Group ALL students into guided reading groups Analyze Fall PALS data to regroup students based on need for targeted instruction Analyze Reading Level to group students with similar reading levels for guided reading groups 	 Analyze monitor data to regroup students based on need for targeted intervention Analyze Reading Level based on Accuracy /Self-Correction, Comprehension & Fluency to regroup students with similar needs and reading levels for guided reading 	Analyze PALS subtest data to determine which students continue intervention and regroup students based on need for targeted intervention	Analyze Reading Level based on Accuracy/Self- Correction, Comprehension & Fluency to regroup students with similar needs and reading levels for guided reading	
Apply	For students NOT meeting benchmarks, use PALS analysis to plan small-group intervention teaching targets For ALL students, use running record analysis to plan small-group, guided reading instructional targets	 Use monitor analysis to plan small-group intervention teaching targets Use Running/Reading Record analysis to plan small-group guided reading instructional targets 	Use PALS analysis to plan small-group intervention teaching targets	Use Running/ Reading Record analysis to plan small-group guided reading instructional targets	
Resources					

Assessment Records from Grade 1: PALS, Report Cards, and Achievement Record

*Running/Reading Records: Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark, PM Benchmark, LLI Reading Record, or informal running/reading record using leveled texts

On-going Assessment: PALS Quick Checks for 1) alphabet recognition, 2) letter sounds, 3) beginning sound production, 4) concept of word, 5) spelling (1-3) 6) pseudo-word decoding, 7) word recognition in isolation and 8) Oral Reading in Context (Reading/Running Record); Observational Checklists 1) based on Achievement Record or 2) teacher-created

In practical use, the terms *Running Record* and *Reading Record* are interchangeable. They differ only in the way the teacher records a student's reading. *Reading Record* is used by Fountas and Pinnell when a teacher codes a student's oral reading performance on a copy of the text the student is using. *Running Record*, coined by Marie Clay, refers to a teacher coding a student's oral performance without using a copy of the printed text on the Running Record form.