

K-2 Multi-Grade BRIDGE: Second Grade *Pathways* Introduction

We are excited to present the **K-2 Multi-Grade BRIDGE: Second Grade Pathways**!

This is phase 3 of a 3-part instructional resource series. This project builds on the vision and purpose of the original K-2 BRIDGE curriculum, designed to bridge Kindergarten *Stepping Stones* to *Pathways* for Grades 1 and 2.

The K-2 BRIDGE (**B**uilding **R**esources for Instructional **D**esigning of **G**REAT **E**ducation) is a standards-based, multi-grade resource that supports differentiated instruction in English Language Arts (ELA). Specifically, this phase focuses on adapting and expanding *Pathways Grade 2* content so that it can be used effectively in K-2 multi-grade classrooms.

By differentiating existing lessons and creating new activities, this resource supports a more seamless, creative, and time-efficient approach to teaching and learning across the K-2 grades.

Unlike the first phase, which had a broader scope, this project focuses exclusively on ELA. It serves as a bridge that connects *Pathways Grade 2* to Kindergarten and Grade 1 ELA instruction, making it easier for educators to adapt lessons to meet the diverse needs of their students.

This resource targets three key components of ELA: **Word Study**, **Reading Workshop**, and **Writing Workshop**. While it does not include phonological awareness or phonics lessons, educators are encouraged to use grade-appropriate, research-based programs already in place at their schools. At the time of this writing, the NAD has adopted both the UFLI and Heggerty programs which are excellent tools for providing systematic and explicit early reading instruction.

Pathways Grade 2 consists of nine themes, each anchored by a main text and supported by one or more paired texts, forming the foundation of a four-week unit of study.

We hope this resource serves as a valuable companion to K-2 educators as they plan and deliver **GREAT** education tailored to the diverse needs of their students.