## Second Grade September Newsletter



## Welcome to Second Grade!

## What We Are Learning:

Your child will be assessed using the Fountas and Pinnell reading program in order to determine his or her reading level to begin guided reading groups.

Reading: We will be using a Reading Program called Teacher's College. Children will learn to be stronger readers and make decisions as they read; they decide how their reading will sound, how much they will read, and how to make sure their reading makes sense. We will be using a Fiction book, Mercy Watson to the Rescue, by Kate DiCamillo as one of the read a louds to learn new strategies for word solving quickly and independently. During Reader's Workshop, children will learn the importance of being flexible, persistant, independent readers and word solvers.

<u>Fundations</u>: Unit 1 reviews some of the concepts, sounds, and spelling rules taught in first grade. We will review digraphs; sh, th, ch, ck, and wh. We will also review blends such as; sp and scr. We will continue to tap words out and blend words together.

<u>Writing:</u> We will be working on a Narrative Writing piece using the Teacher's College Writer's Workshop Model. Children will collect small moments and then pick one small moment to draft, revise, edit, and then publish.

<u>Math:</u> We will be using Go Math as our math program. We will begin our year with Unit 1: Number Sense and Place Value. Our lessons will explore odd and even numbers, understanding place value, and different ways to write numbers. Daily homework will be assigned to extend and reinforce the learning done in class.

Science: We will be using Amplify Science to launch our unit on plants and animal relationships. We will investigate habitats and learn how habitats change due to climate. Also, we will be learning how animals also can change the habitat.

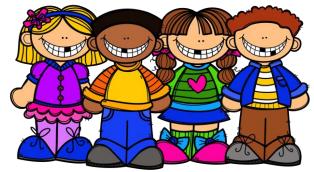
Social Studies: We will begin to study our community's geography. This will include how maps help people find locations, communities that are near where we live and the kinds of landforms and bodies of water that the United States has.

<u>Technology</u>: We will work on visiting safe websites. We will continue working on keyboarding skills that your child learned in first grade.

<u>Trick/Sight Words</u>: We will be focusing on multiple trick/sight words this year. Your child should also be able to instantly recognize and tell you a sentence using each word.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign and return all letters in your child's Take Home Folder immediately. Also, empty out the KEEP HOME side of your child's folder.

<u>Days to Remember in September:</u>
<u>September 5<sup>th</sup>:</u> First Day of School
<u>September 30<sup>th</sup>:</u> No School- Yom Kippur



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