



On The Way to Second Grade! 2008-09

Dear Second Grade Families,

I had another fantastic year teaching second grade and am still feeling so glad that I made the change from fourth to second. Each week over the summer I try to make time to be in the classroom to set it up, review second grade curriculum or make improvements or new plans for the upcoming year. I look forward to getting to know your children and you better this year.

The first six weeks we will practice routines for how to “be”. We will work on respect and cooperation. I try to follow the guidelines in Teaching Children to Care to make sure they know “I see you. I see everything” to feel safe they must feel seen. I will follow three stages; whole class learning, small group & independent work, independence and responsibility. I want the students to feel safe, respected and encouraged to learn lifelong. We will create rules, have morning meetings and slowly move into the core of the curriculum. If we jump in to quickly with out training in the three stages we end up having to spend a lot of time back tracking. So, stick with me and understand that we will move into academic groups, spelling groups and math groups by the seventh week of school. In the first six weeks we will be doing projects but they may be simpler to help them learn my routines better. I will need volunteers but not until after the first week or two. Our topic for the first part of the year is “Helping Hands”. We will learn about recycling and the environment.

We have our first class meeting/picnic scheduled for Thursday August 14th, 5pm at the school. I will have sign ups for parent volunteer jobs and other informational pieces. I look forward to seeing you and your children before school starts. If you cannot attend please let me know via email (angiateachncsa@yahoo.com).

The supply list is here. Please put this note somewhere easy to find so that you have it for the start of the year! Throughout the year and now I am asking for each of you to send in whole class supplies tissues, band aids and pencils. I will supply each student with a pencil box.



Supply List!

Everyone should bring in...

- ❖ One pocket folder with brads (fasteners) for all loose papers
- ❖ 20-30 pencils to share
- ❖ One glue stick,
- ❖ Scotch tape (to share with everyone) We will collect this at the beginning of the year to get us through the entire year!
- ❖ A ream of unlined paper for all the millions of creative things they love to make!
- ❖ A pencil sharpener to share with the group/big and small hole please
- ❖ A backpack that will fit into a cubby (no wheels please)
- ❖ A sketch book (a collection of blank pages) for daily sketching

Over for more information

Please no bulky binders, pencil boxes or toys to start the year. Each student may bring in one small “stuffy” to keep in the cubby but nothing else please. Our space is small for us to fit into and the added items often create distractions. Please sharpen all pencils before sending them in-it is really helpful! This year we will be sharing our things to help us work on and understand respect of materials. I will have a “caddy” at each table group rather than individual pencil boxes, which will hold a number of pencils, erasers, tape, sharpeners, and glue sticks. I think this will work better when sharing the room with the first graders.

Please send me your email address so that I can start a class list! I find email very helpful for Mon. Notes and other information that needs to get out quickly.

I am looking forward to working with all of you!

Sincerely,

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We will have “Scientist of the Week” throughout the school year where one student a week takes home the lab coat, bag and books and does a science experiment which is then shared on Fridays with the class. If you have any science experiment books you’d like to give us I would appreciate it greatly!