



On The Way to Second Grade! 2010-11

Dear Second Grade Families,

I had fantastic year teaching second and first grade last year and I feel excited to work with last years first graders as second graders this year! Each week over the summer I made time to be in the classroom to set it up, review second grade curriculum or make improvements or new plans for year. I hope that you will all sign up early to volunteer for jobs to help make the year run smoothly. I look forward to getting to know your children and you even better this year.

The first six weeks we will practice routines for how to “be” in second grade with me. 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 quickly without 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, math groups, reading 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 two weeks. Our topic for the first part of the year is “Helping Hands”.

We have our first class meeting/picnic scheduled for Monday August 16th, 4:30 pm at Pioneer Park. 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 (angieteachncsa@yahoo.com). The supply list is here again, also on the web! Throughout the year and now I am asking for each of you to send in whole class supplies tissues, band aids and pencils.

Sincerely,
Angie Maxson

Please see back side for Supply List



2nd Grade Supply List!

Everyone should bring in...

- ❖ 4+ glue sticks (please Glue Sticks only!) We will share through the year
- ❖ 1 or more scotch tape rolls (to share with everyone) We will collect this at the beginning of the year to get us through the entire year!
- ❖ One large eraser for the group to share.
- ❖ 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, if you can spend the extra cents now they will last. The inexpensive pack of four don't sharpen more than one pencil.
- ❖ A backpack that will fit into a cubby (no wheels please). A backpack is not necessary, but if you choose to send one please be sure it doesn't have wheels.
- ❖ A sketchbook (a collection of blank pages) for daily sketching. PLEASE make sure that it does not have perforated pages, ringed is wonderful so they can fold the pages back.
- ❖ A box of bandaids
- ❖ If you can... send in stickers to be used on corrected papers or for prizes that would be an added bonus.