



**Welcome**  
to  
**2nd Grade**

Curriculum Night  
August 29, 2017

# General Info

- Please have your child to school by 7:30 each morning, especially if he or she will be eating breakfast.
- Attendance is VERY important. Please make sure your child is here each day on time. The vast majority of instruction is not something that can be "made up" by sending work home.
- If you need to contact your child's teacher during the school day, EMAIL is the best method.
- If your child's method of transportation changes, please make sure you send a note in your child's folder, send an email 24 hours in advance, or call the front office so they can make us aware of the change.

# Breakfast in the Classroom

- Breakfast in the Classroom is courtesy of a new grant WKE is receiving this year.

Breakfast is FREE. We are excited about being able to provide our students with a healthy meal so they are able to focus and learn.

- Breakfast is served

promptly at 7:30.

Instruction begins

at 7:45.



# 1st Weeks of School

Over the past week, we have been working hard to teach students our classroom procedures, routines, and expectations. We have also been building classroom community and focusing on creating a culture of kindness in our school. We will continue to focus on teaching good character, manners, the importance of making smart choices, and the 7 Habits of Leadership.



# The Kindness Tree

- We want to create a culture of kindness in 2nd grade and instill a love of helping others and being "Bucket Fillers" in our students.



- We want to recognize your child when he or she shows kindness. We will be sending home 2 paper leaves with your child. When your child really goes above and beyond to do an unprompted random act of kindness, please write down what he or she did on the leaf and return it to school. We will add it to our tree!

**Our goal is 500 acts of kindness  
by the end of the year!**

# Super Improver Wall

2nd grade will be starting a new system called the Super Improver Wall that recognizes students for their efforts and not their abilities. Students earn stars when they make a personal improvement in an area they need to work on or could improve on. Since stars are awarded on an individual level, each student is only competing against their last effort in a particular area. It's perfectly individualized and differentiated for the needs of each learner!

There are 10 levels in the Super Improver Wall. To get to the next level, students must earn 10 stars on that level. If students reach the final level, they will have made 100 improvements!

Living Legend
Hall of Fame
Super Star
MVP
Star
Captain
Leader
Starter
Phenom
Rookie

## Super Improvers

Renaldo	Lulu	Biff
Sky	TaShaun	Spike
Steve	Salty	Sam
Refugio	Skeeter	Harry
Guisseppi	Cathy	Meg
LaTonya	Sean	AJ
Matty	Ti	Abbie
Maria	Jose	Leroy
Tasha	Joan	Winnie

# 2nd Grade Family Meetings

Once a month we will be meeting as a grade level to celebrate birthdays, honor all of the acts of kindness our students are doing, sing together, and trouble shoot any grade level procedural or behavior issues. This will help the students in our grade level to establish community and keep everyone on the same page.



# 2nd Grade Curriculum

## ELA Curriculum

- Reader's Workshop (Mini lesson & independent reading)
- Word Study (phonics, grammar, language skills)
- Shared Reading (comprehension, fluency, etc)
- Guided Reading/Small Group/Conferences

Individualized instruction catered to students reading needs.

- Writer's Workshop (Narrative, Informational, Opinion)

## Math Curriculum

- Everyday Math (focus lesson, guided practice, partner/group activities, independent practice, games)



## **Science Curriculum**

- Weather
- Force and Motion
- Matter
- Animals
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Unit

## **Social Studies Curriculum**

- Communities
- Economics
- Government
- Map Skills
- Native Americans
- Tall Tales

# Grading

- This year in 2nd grade your child will be receiving letter grades A-F.

- The grading scale is as follows:

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79

D = 60-69 F = Below 60



- **ELA GRADES** - 95% Reading Comprehension/Language Skills Test & 5% - Word Study

- **MATH GRADES** - Unit Tests (Count twice) & Mid-Unit Tests

- **SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES** - 2 (Satisfactory) 1 (Unsatisfactory)

# Parent Communication

- **Green Communication Folder** - This will come to and from school daily. It will contain your child's monthly behavior calendar, reading log, homework sheet, newsletter, and Thursday folder sheet. The behavior calendar is where we will communicate any behavior concerns we feel you need to be aware of. No news is good news!
- **2nd Grade newsletter** - This will come home every 2 weeks and will inform you about what your child will be learning, any test dates, and any other important information you need to know. Make sure to read this each week.
- **Email** - You will periodically receive important emails from your child's teacher as well, so please make sure to check your email regularly.

# Homework



We do not want your child to feel overwhelmed with homework this year. We support your child's need for unstructured play, involvement in extra curricular activities, and family time, so we will be assigning minimal homework. However, for those families who feel more practice is needed, we will be offering additional enrichment opportunities on the back of the sheet each week.

**Each Night:**      Reading      Word Study

**Additional:**      Math Home Links, Games,  
Interactive Websites, & Other Skill Practice

# Coding



- This year our school is piloting a program called Code to the Future as part of an initiative to become a Computer Science Immersion School.
- We will be starting this after Labor Day. Classes will be 30 minutes 2-3 times per week.
- Your child's first project will be creating their own Epic Maze Game using the MIT program Scratch.
- Coding will help students learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically.

# Thank you for coming!



We are looking forward to a great year!