

June 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Second Grade! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to second grade. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to start an enriching and exciting new school year. As an educator, it is a privilege and pleasure to be entrusted with the education of your second grade child. I am looking forward to meeting all of you in September. I anticipate a year filled with academic, social and emotional growth. Your child will have fun learning and working towards the second grade standards, learning to be more independent, and meeting many of the challenges of second grade.

As a reminder, school begins **promptly at 8:00 a.m.** Please bring your child through the main entrance where they will go to the gym area for morning lineup. **Second grade dismissal is at 2:10 p.m.** Safety at dismissal is top priority, therefore, each child must say goodbye and indicate which adult is picking him or her up personally to me before leaving. **If someone other than the usual caregiver is picking up your child, please let me know in advance in writing or by contacting the school office. Unless the school is notified in advance, no other person will be permitted to leave with your child.**

In order to start this new school year on the right foot, the following supplies are needed, and are due in class September 7th, 2017. **Please make sure to label all supplies with your child's name.** **Please note: supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year.**

PLEASE FILL 1 SOFT PENCIL CASE WITH THESE ITEMS:

- ✓ 10 sharpened #2 pencils
- ✓ 2 large erasers
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ A red and blue ink pen

PLEASE FILL 1 Large Ziploc Bag with the following items:

- ✓ 1 box of Crayola crayons
- ✓ 1 box of Crayola Fine Line tipped markers to outline with.
- ✓ 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- ✓ 2 glue sticks
- ✓ 1 pair of safety scissors (Fiskar's Brand)

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

- ✓ 2 packs of HAMMERMILL copy paper
- ✓ 2 packs of 3x3 square post-it notes
- ✓ 3 Regular Marble notebooks
- ✓ 1 Grade 3 Red Thin Flexible Marble Notebook (for E-Lab)
- ✓ 7 bottom plastic folders labeled: Science/SS, Writing, Test, TFK, Classwork and E-LAB (for Mrs. Gurelli)

- ✓ One 12 inch and centimeter ruler
- ✓ 1 pack of colored fine tip Expo Markers
- ✓ 1 pack of colored regular tip Expo Markers
- ✓ 1 Expo eraser
- ✓ 3 boxes of facial tissues
- ✓ 2 boxes of **GALLON SIZED ZIPLOC BAGS**
- ✓ 3 boxes of baby wipes
- ✓ 3 rolls of paper towels (Boys Only)
- ✓ 3 packs of disinfectant wipes (Girls Only)
- ✓ 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (Boys Only)
- ✓ 1 bottle of soap (Girls Only)
- ✓ 1 small snack and water only

Summer Assignment:

- ✓ Review the attached list of words (read and spell)
- ✓ As an introduction to our first writing unit in September (Narratives), we are asking parents to please take a series of pictures for at least 2 memorable events during their summer break to help encourage their writing for this Unit. For each event, please include a series of 5 - 7, 4x6 photos in a small LABELED (First & Last Name and CLASS of your Child) on Ziploc bag.
- ✓ Read every day for at least 20 minutes each day with your child. Please see the reading list on the school website (ps185school.com) for some fun summer reading to do with your child. Also, attached is the reading log for you to log in the books that you read.
- ✓ In Math, please review the following concepts and skills: Even and Odd numbers, Understanding Place Value (Tens and Ones) and how to write numbers in standard and expanded form, counting patterns by 2, 5, and 10. Also review addition and subtraction of 1 and 2 digit numbers, no regrouping and regrouping, and review doubles facts ($6+6=12$, $12-6=6$). Also, review solving word problems in math.
- ✓ Come to your new class in September with supplies and reading log
- ✓ HAVE AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER!!

Thank you for your cooperation,
The second grade teachers