



I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you in the fall. For your convenience, I've listed some very important policies and procedures below. Please read them carefully in order to be prepared for second grade. The supply list can also be accessed on Skinner's website.

HOMWORK

Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis. Your child will receive reading and math packets on Monday, and they are due back the following Monday. In order to develop better study habits and a sense of self-discipline in the students, I would like your child to work on *only* the assigned portions each night (rather than completing the entire packet in one or two sittings). Part of your child's nightly homework will also be to have **5 sharpened pencils** ready for the next day.

BOOK REPORTS

All second graders are required to complete 30 book reports during the year which will be separated into four quarterly packets. Each book report packet will also contain one project to be completed for the quarter. Similar to working on homework each night, it is important to work on these packets a little bit each week so that they do not become overwhelming.

If you complete the four summer book reports, you will have less to do during the school year!

BIRTHDAYS

I want each child to feel special on his/her birthday! Parents are welcome to send in one **STORE-BOUGHT HEALTHY** treat such as fruit cups for the class. Another good option is a non-food item for classmates such as pencils or stickers. Please let me know your plans in advance. In addition, if you are having a birthday party for your child at home, please mail the invitations to the students, rather than passing them out at school. This will avoid any hurt feelings.

COMMUNICATION

Once I have everybody's contact information, I will create an email group to send out regular email updates. This will help you stay informed about what we are learning as well as what special events are coming up. Email is my preferred method of communication so please let me know if this is not an option for your family.

Students will have a Take Home Folder for handouts/notes/homework that need to be sent home daily. Please be sure to check your child's backpack each night to see if he/she received any important documents.

Students will also receive Friday Folders every Friday. Here is where you will find most of the work that your child completed in class during the week as well as any announcements/notes from school. Please take out all papers and review them with your child. Students should return their Friday Folder **EMPTY** every **MONDAY**. Please Note: Anything marked "**Correct and Return**" should be returned on Monday as well. Corrected assignments earn **one extra credit point**.

GRADES

Please be sure you have an account set up with Parent Portal to keep track of your child's progress. Once the school year begins, I will update grades on the portal weekly. If you are unsure how to access the portal, please contact the office for guidance. You will need your child's ID number as well as a special pin number that must be obtained from Mrs. Robinson. You may find the Parent Portal on the CPS website.

SUMMER PROGRAMS ONLINE

Students can access many online programs to practice and develop their literacy/math skills over the summer. Please obtain your child's usernames/passwords from their first grade teacher if you do not have them at home already.

www.i-ready.com (literacy & math) - lessons are specific to each student's level

www.ixl.com (math) - please master 1st grade skills before moving to 2nd grade skills

www.xtramath.org (math fact fluency) - addition & subtraction

www.frontrowed.org (math)

Have a great summer!

Regards,

Your second grade teacher ☺

Second Grade School Supply List

Please Note: Roller Backpacks with wheels are NOT allowed. They do not fit inside our lockers!

Individual Supplies for ALL Second Graders

- 1 soft zipper case (No large pencil boxes please)
- 5 sharpened pencils (No pencil sharpeners please)
- 1-2 large erasers
- 1 pair of headphones (These can be any style. They do not need to be expensive)
- 1 blue folder & 1 blue notebook - MATH
- 1 red folder & red notebook - READING
- 1 yellow folder & yellow notebook - WRITING
- 1 green folder & green notebook - SOCIAL STUDIES
- 3 additional folders of any color/style - Take Home Folder, Friday Folder, & Music Folder

Classroom Supplies

In order to foster a sense of community within our class, we will combine most of our art supplies and share them as a class. Each student will need the following:

- 1 box of crayons
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of colored pens (green, red, purple, blue, etc...)
- 1 ruler showing metric and customary units of length

- 2 boxes of tissue
- 50 *sharpened* pencils
- Colored copy paper
- Construction paper (boys -11x14; girls -9x12)
- 2 rolls of scotch tape
- 1 package of index cards - any size or color
- 1 package of Post-It Notes - any size or color
- 1 package of dry-erase markers
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of band-aids

Summer Reading

Attached to this packet are 4 optional summer book reports (2 fiction & 2 non-fiction) and a suggested summer reading list.

Students that turn in summer book reports will have less to do during the school year! They must be turned in during the first week of school.

In addition to the book reports, please read as much as you can over the summer! Students should read a variety of literature and informational texts during the summer. The attached list is just a starting point. They should also read both picture books and chapter books.

Please try to establish a routine of reading for 15-30 minutes each day. This can include a combination of silent reading time, reading aloud to family member (or stuffed animal), and listening to an adult read aloud to them.