



September News

Mrs. Driscoll

2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to second grade!! We've had a nice smooth start, and everyone is adjusting well! We have a wonderful group of children in this class, and I am truly looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Open communication is very important to me. Please let me know of any issues or concerns so I may address them immediately. Notes or email are the best way to reach me. It is difficult for me to get to the phone during the day. I would also be more than happy to meet with you personally, but I ask that you please make an appointment first. Your concerns are important, and I want to be able to give you my undivided attention.

Please continue to check in the red Communication Folder nightly. Please remove the items on the "Stay at Home" side and only return things that are on the "Return to School" side. Please feel free to use this folder for all things that need to go to school. You can use it for notes, permission slips, book fair money, book orders etc.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...for donating so many classroom supplies. I truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness!



Important Dates:

9/5 and 9/11—Visit Book Fair
9/10—Bookmobile Visits
9/12—KYSN 6:00pm



Need to contact me?

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Curriculum Notes

READING/ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS:

We will continue the use of Fountas and Pinnell Reading! We have lots of new exciting books to use for our literacy lessons! Throughout the year we will work in guided reading groups, in whole class groups, and individually as read, read, read and write, write, write! We will take part in Reading mini-lessons, Interactive Read Alouds, Shared Reading activities and Phonics/Word Study lessons throughout the day. We will learn to make thoughtful connections and leave “tracks” to show our thinking. We often say, “if you’re not thinking while you’re reading, you’re not reading!”

WAMS is also continuing our school-wide writing focus. Students will be reviewing how to use the SRSD (Self Regulated Strategy Development) to enhance writing. We will review and build on the first grade requirements. We will be working on opinion writing “from head” using the TREE mnemonic and then begin using TIDE for informational writing.

MATH:

We will continue to use Envision 2.0 for math as a building block for our math instruction. Topic one will review and reinforce various strategies for solving math facts. Students entering grade 2 should be secure in facts to 10. **Second graders must be able to instantly recall all facts, sums through 20.** Please practice facts with your child daily. This can be done with flashcards, websites, apps, or orally during a car ride or while getting ready for bed. We will practice with the Xtramath website in school. This can also be done at home—please refer to the flier that is attached to this newsletter. Just a few minutes a day can go a long way! Thank you in advance for your support!!

As the year progresses, please don’t be afraid of the “new math”! I have attached information so you can access the Envision 2.0 website from home. When you log in, you will have access to student materials (including a textbook), printable homework assignments, games and videos!

SCIENCE and SOCIAL STUDIES:

We will begin the year by identifying and describing the features of various habitats and learning to read basic maps.

OUR LEARNING FOCUS = Every Student’s Job

I think when I read, listen and look.

I track my thinking to help me understand.

I can explain and justify my thinking using what I’ve read, heard and seen.