



The Second Grade Scoop!

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Welcome to Second Grade!!!!

We are looking forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming school year. During the first month of school, your child will encounter new surroundings, friends, experiences, skills, and challenges. Our goal is to help students become high performing, caring, responsible, organized, and creative young learners. With the combined effort of both home and school, we will reach this goal!

Reading

The 2nd grade classes began this school year by reviewing the important reading strategies that all readers use to become better readers. We are learning before, during, and after reading strategies. The following are the strategies that can be used at home!

Before reading: determine a purpose for reading; select a text to meet the purpose; preview the text; think about what you know about the subject; make predictions based on background knowledge.

During reading: stop and think about what you have read so far; ask yourself if the reading makes sense; stop and use strategies to fix what is not making sense

After reading: review your purpose for reading and check to see if you achieved your purpose; check to think about what you remember from what you have read; revisit text to think about the story or what you have learned; revisit the text to clarify your understanding; respond to your reading through discussion and/or writing.

We will also make connections when reading. Students will make connections to their prior knowledge, to their own experiences, and to other texts in order to understand the story.

Writing

Our second graders will become authors. They will follow the steps of the writing process this year. The steps of the writing process are: prewriting, drafting, revising and editing, publishing. We will begin with writing personal narratives based on one small event in their lives. Our 2nd grade authors will ask themselves the following questions:

- What is my reason for composing this writing?
- How can I make my writing clear for my reader?
- What steps do I follow to produce the best writing piece that I can?
- How does rehearsal with a partner help me generate ideas for writing topics?

The 2nd grade teachers are looking forward to an exciting and educational filled year!

Your Partner in Education,
The Second Grade Team

Essential Questions:

- *What before, during and after reading strategies can I use to help me understand what I read?*
- *What strategies can I use to help me when I read?*
- *How do I decide what I will read?*
- *What kind of information can I gain from reading?*

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Sept. 11, 2009 ~ Back to School Picnic
- Sept. 15, 2009 ~ Character Ed. Assembly
- Sept. 18, 2009 ~ No PTA Bike Ride Fundraiser
- Sept. 23, 2009 ~ Principals Tea @ 9:30am
- Sept. 28 2009~ No School—Yom Kippur