



Dear Parents,

We've gotten a month of school under our belts and we are in full swing! Thank you to all who came to Back-to-School Night and helped to make it a huge success. We enjoyed seeing so many of you.

The first of three yearly reading assessments has been completed. We use the information obtained from these assessments to help determine your child's reading level, specific needs to be addressed, and to document your child's reading progress. In the areas of reading/language arts we will be addressing the following:

- Explaining the relationships between and among story elements (character, setting, events).
- Identifying the important message of a poem, play or story.
- Using text features (e.g. bold print, charts, captions, table of contents,) to better understand informational text.
- Writing to inform and researching information.
- Applying spelling skills in all subject areas using high frequency words and taught spelling patterns.

In math we will be working on how to gather and organize data and how to display it in a variety of ways. We will be reading and making pictographs, bar graphs and determining the scale to use in graph making. We will be having our weekly timed math facts tests. Be sure to remind your child to practice their flashcards to prepare. Attached is an information sheet giving Fact Strategies you can use to help your child with their math facts.

In science and social studies we will be talking about nutrition and how to make healthy eating choices.

Our annual open house will be on Monday, October 10 from 9:00 to 11:30. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help out in the classrooms and in the school this month. We couldn't do it without you!

Parents often ask about how much help they should be giving their child during homework. Your child should be able to complete the assignments independently or with minimal assistance. Please review your child's work for completeness and accuracy. If you see mistakes it would be great if you took the time to help your child to correct them. Thanks for reinforcing at home what we do in school!

Thanks to all of you who have so generously donated money to the science and social studies fund. We are looking forward to giving the students hands on experiences.

Have a great month!

The Second Grade Team

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