

**Travilah
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Second Grade News!

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Tid Bits

- ✓ **Please return ALL school paperwork promptly.**
- ✓ **Please review your child's homework each night as well as any checked papers.**
- ✓ **Please send a healthy snack with your child daily. Classroom teachers warmly welcome classroom snack donations.**

Welcome Back!

The second grade teachers would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome you and your child to another school year. Although we have to wave goodbye to summer, the 2012-2013 school year promises to be exciting, engaging, and exceptional!

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. We stress the importance of maintaining communication throughout the year. Please use the many avenues of communication we have, such as notes, email, or phone calls. This will ensure a more successful academic



program, in addition to allowing you the opportunity to stay updated on your child's needs.

We are thrilled to be off and running and are greatly looking forward to an outstanding year!

Sincerely,
The Second Grade Team



Dates to Remember!

- September 3 - No School
- September 4 - Back to School Night
- September 17 - No School
- September 21 - Back to School Picnic
- September 26 - No School
- September 28 - Early Release





Curriculum Highlights

Reading & Language

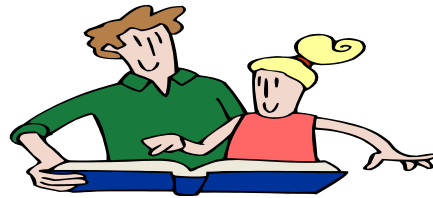
During marking period one, students will be learning about how to ask and answer questions about story structures for reading. Story structures include main characters, setting, plot, problem, and solution. They will also compare and contrast versions of the same story, analyze characters point of view, and identify text features.

In writing, the students will begin to write personal narratives. They will first write about themselves in a sequential order. Students will learn what a sentence is and

how to properly punctuate and capitalize the sentence.

Students will begin spelling later this month.

Please encourage your child to read a book of his/her choice *every night* for at least 20 minutes.



Mathematics:



During marking period one, students will be learning how to count by 10's and 100's, up to 1000. They will also learn how to compare three digit numbers using place value. Students will also add and subtract numbers using 10 more, 10 less, 100 more, and 100 less from a given number. The students will collect data to construct bar graphs and picture graphs.

Have your child get into the habit of reviewing their addition and subtraction basic facts every night!

Science & Social Studies:



In Science, the students will begin classifying matter. Students will participate in hands on activities to explore properties of rocks, soil, and water. Students will learn how to describe the Earth's surfaces and atmosphere by studying natural features of continents and ocean floors.

In Social Studies, students will learn about rules and laws. They will learn how to work together in a community. Students will discuss school, home, and bus rules.

