



Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2nd grade family. We look forward to working with you and your child this year to make it the best year yet. It's going to be an amazing year!

Attached you will find an outline for your child's reading and language arts class this year. Please take the time to read through this packet and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to sharing this exciting year with you and your child! We want to thank you in advanced for all of your support and cooperation throughout the school year.

Your Partners in Education,
The Second Grade Reading and Language Arts Team

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This year, second graders will be using the Wonders Reading Series. The series follows the common core standards. Second grade is a pivotal year in reading. This year students are challenged to become more fluent readers, moving beyond using decoding skills to figure out unfamiliar words and use context clues instead. They will also build on their comprehension skills and strategies. Expect to hear retellings of the stories your child has read, as they practice summarizing accurately. By the end of the year, your child will have a strong grasp of suffixes and prefixes, using them to decipher the meaning of words they do not know. Along with reading, students will learn to write both narrative, persuasive, and expository essays. Students will also learn to write poetry and letters. This will all be promoted through their journal writing.



Homework

Homework will be uploaded weekly onto the Archie website. The entire packet should be printed on Monday and brought in daily in the child's Reading folder. Please check the Archie website daily for additional homework assignments or information.

In order to access homework on the Archie website, you need to:

1. Log onto sis.archimedean.org
2. Click on the Homework tab on the top of the page
3. Click on the link for elementary
4. Follow this link to second grade
5. Click on your child's homeroom section.

Please remember to print all the pages of the homework packet. Students are expected to complete the assigned pages as instructed on the homework cover sheet. Homework will be checked daily.



Accelerated Reader

Our school will be using AR as an incentive to promote independent reading. Students will take the STAR Test. This test is used to determine your child's reading level. The

Accelerated Reader program will have your child reading at his or her independent level. This program is a way for students to accumulate points by taking the comprehension test on books they've read. Students will take quizzes on books they have read in class or checked out from the classroom library at their AR level. In addition, we encourage parents to check out books from the public library.

I-READY

Our school is implementing a program called *I-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction* that will provide our students with an engaging and challenging instruction. This program will provide students with individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs. The number of sessions assigned will be instructed on the homework cover sheet.



Assessments

Students will be assessed weekly on spelling and grammar. In addition, they will be assessed bi weekly on vocabulary and reading comprehension. Test dates will be informed on the cover page of the homework packet.

The Reading Test will be administered on Fridays. These test cover the weekly reading benchmark, which is the one we focus on for two weeks between school and homework.

Vocabulary words will be given bi weekly on Monday along with the weekly homework. Students should review the definition of these words as well as how to use them in context to be well prepared for the quiz on Thursdays.

Spelling test will be administered on Mondays. Spelling words can be found on the cover sheet of your child's homework. Students will be asked to write sentences. The sentences will each be graded for capitalization, punctuation, and the spelling word being spelled correctly. Later on in the year, we will also begin to count any misspelled sight words that students should know. We will let you know before this change takes place.

In an effort to promote literacy across the Reading Genres, students will be reading at least 8 novels throughout the year. At least four of these novels will be read in class as a group and 4 will be read at home as independent reading. These books will come from 4 different Reading Genres. The teachers will choose these genres and students will be assigned an independent novel within these genres. Independent novels will be followed up by an assignment to assess the student's comprehension of the book.

Grades and Weights

All Language Arts teachers will use the following grading scale when calculating your child's grade:

Tests= 40%	A= 90 - 100
Quizzes and Projects= 35%	B= 80 - 89
Classwork= 18%.	C= 70 - 79
Homework= 7%	D= 60 -69
	F= 59-0

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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