

# 2nd Grade

# Back to School Night

# Welcome!

Welcome to 2nd Grade!

It's always quite an experience!

Curriculum:

## 1. Language Arts:

The following books are used as a part of the core curriculum for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade literature - based, whole language program:

Signatures (Reader)	Harcourt Brace & Co.
English	Houghton Mifflin
Integrated Spelling	Harcourt Brace & Co.
Phonics Practice Book	Harcourt Brace & Co.
Printing	Zaner Bloser

The Whole Language approach emphasizes filling children with literature and language so that they will be excited about reading and writing. This enthusiasm is created through exposure to wonderful stories, poems, songs and chant. Children experience the beauty of language and literature as a “whole” while learning the specific skills of reading, writing and spelling. **Reader's Workshop** will ensure that each student is successful on their own level.

**In 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade the big step is ...What you can do with what you've read.**

Here are some things to watch for:

### a. Reading:

- Sight words/vocabulary development from context of story
- Comprehension skills: discussions and written work
- Smooth oral reading with expression
- Following while others read

### b. Listening/Speaking

- Speaking clearly before the class
- Contributes to discussions and listens while others speak
- Listens for information, directions, etc.

### c. Written Language

- Sentence content and structure (stretching-7 words)
- Who, What? Does what?
- Capitalization/Punctuation
- The Writing Process: **Step Up To Writing**
- Prewriting, drafting, revising, proofreading and publishing.
- Writing a story is like making a Sandwich (a beginning/middle/end)
- Types of writing: creative writing, stories, opinions, factual information, poetry, Letters, lists, etc.

**There is a great emphasis in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade on clearly expressing information and ideas in written form.**

Journal - collection of poems and original writings and thoughts

Spelling usages (some “creative spelling” is acceptable)

Dictionaries - learn to use resources

Spelling Test - given weekly on Friday

Method of correction: see Spelling Sheet

Printing: neatness throughout **all** written work

letter formation...shape and size

**Thinking skills needed to do work book pages!**

**2. California Mathematics Grade 2 Scott Foresman**

See California Standards for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Tips on how to help your child:

Review their math homework every evening

Answers need to be reasonable, make sense

Ask --- **how** did you get that answer?

Check answers ... “Go Fishing:”!

Constantly review math facts up to 18 (addition and subtraction)

Do the Home Activity when they appear on a sheet

Understand what you are asked to do in a “work problem”

Assist in operations of regrouping

Time/money need everyday math practice

**3. Religion**

Blest Are We - Silver Burdett

We Celebrate the Eucharist - Silver Burdett (Gold Book)

Fully Alive - Silver Burdett (reference)

Sacraments: Reconciliation and 1st Communion

Prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Gloria, Mass Responses, St. Gregory School Prayer,

Prayer of Sorrow

**4. Social Studies**

Then and Now – Scott Foresman

Long Ago and yesterday, Map Skills, Our Government, Producers and Consumers, and

People in History.

## 5. California Science – Pearson/Scott Foresman

Modules include: Forces and Motion

Sound

Plants and Animals in Their Environment

Animal Life Cycles

Rocks and Soil

Fossils and Dinosaurs

## 6. Music/Computers/P.E./Art

## 7. Homework

\*15 minutes of reading and another assignment signed nightly

Read to/and with your child - gradually becoming more independent

## Odds & Ends

1st Communion Parent Meeting - October 6th - 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Belonging Celebration - October 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Book Clubs: To order send check made out to Lucky Books or Scholastic Books

Birthdays - May be celebrated by bringing a small treat to class, that does not need to be Drop off before

10:00 a.m. and/or Book in your child's name for the Library. Students are asked NOT to pass out birthday invitations at school or ask Mrs. Crocker for emails.

## Student Responsibility:

Library books

Homework

Class assignments

Behavior

Belongings: sweatshirts, supplies, etc.

## Field Trips:

Whale Bus from Marine Mammal Center

Nature Walks around the neighborhood

Theater

Pumpkin Patch

2nd Graders are Packrats - check desks

Please send an extra snack with your child on MONDAYS

## **2nd Grade Schedule** (beyond the classroom)

P.E.            -        Tuesday        11:00 – 11:35  
                  -        Thursday       11:00 – 11:35  
Computers -        Wednesday 10:40 – 12:00 - 1/2 at a time  
Library        -        Thursday        1:20 - 2:50 - 1/2 at a time

## **2nd Grade Instructors**

Miss Jo Enyeart	2nd Grade Teacher
Mrs. Edna Soto	Classroom Aide
Mrs. Diane Fahrner	Academic Support
Ms. Pilarica Crocker	Computer
Eddie Ford	P.E.
Meredith Webber	Music