

Welcome to 2nd Grade!

2nd Grade Supply List:

- 2 reams (500ct) white copy paper
- 48-Ticonderoga pencils, sharpened
- 2 boxes (24 ct) Crayola crayons (not oversized)
- 4 thin tip highlighters (pink, green, yellow, orange)
- 2 composition notebooks, red & blue
- 1 plastic pencil box or pouch, 8"x5"
- 1 pair Fiskars sharp 5" scissors
- 2 Elmer's glue stick
- 4 plastic folders-red, blue, green, yellow (no decorations)
- 1 box Ziploc Quart size -Girls only
- 1 box Ziploc Gallon size-Boys only
- 2 pairs over the head headphones (no earbuds)
- 2 - 4 pack of EXPO dry erase fine tip markers
- \$20 Activity Fee*

Dear Future 2nd Grader,
Congratulations! You did it; 1st grade is practically done! In August, one of us will be your 2nd grade teacher and we are really looking forward to meeting you. If you want to be on your game, to be the best 2nd grader you can be, you will need to practice your hard earned 1st grade skills over the summer. Here are some things to do so that when you start 2nd grade you will be the best you can be.

Love, the Second grade team

Fine Motor Skills

If your child has not mastered shoe tying, make this a goal to have mastered before 2nd grade begins.

<http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/fine-motor-skills.html>

Helpful Sites:

Reading: <http://more.ppld.org:8080/kids/bookideas/booklists.asp>

Writing: <https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/resources/studentmodels#Grade1>

Math: <http://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html>

Reading

As a 1st grader your child learned to read and retell stories and information. Ask your child to tell you about the people, places and problems in their reading.

Encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes per day. Remember to read sight words, read non-fiction and read with someone. Keep a record of books read and celebrate successful completion of books.

Establish a routine at home for reading. Most teachers will expect 20 minutes of reading homework nightly. Keep this up all summer long to lessen any reading regression.

Writing

Children entering 2nd grade should have a beginning understanding of sentence structure. Your child's teacher will expect him/her to use capitals and punctuation correctly in all writing that he/she does. It is very helpful for incoming 2nd graders to be able to spell sight words correctly.

Provide a journal for your child to write in over the summer. Allow them to pick out some new pencils, pens or paper to make it special.

Most importantly, your child should use a correct pencil grip and have correct letter formation. These skills are necessary for writing legibly. Ask your child to write the alphabet and use the guide at the bottom of the page to check for mastery.

Math

Your child should be able to read numbers, and identify the place value and value of digits in the hundreds, tens and ones place. For example: given the number 47 your child should be able to read this number as "forty-seven," and say that the 4 is in the tens place and the 7 is in the ones place. They should explain that the value of the 4 is 40 and the value of the 7 is 7. Math fact practice with basic addition and subtraction facts will greatly benefit your child. Purchasing a set of flashcards to practice over the summer would be a great support.

If your child cannot count on from any given number through 120, please make this a priority this summer. There are many great ways to practice including rolling two dice or flipping up two cards. Your child should also be able to identify a coin by its name and value when looking at the front or back. You might consider looking for an app or other game to practice this skill.