



Dear Room 22 Families,

I wanted to reach out to thank you, to share with you, and to ask for your support.

First, thank you for entrusting me with the safety and education of your child. It is the job I love and take very seriously. Second grade is a big transition year! They will be expected to do things that perhaps they have not been called upon to do up to this point. However, everything I ask of them is part of our curriculum and will prepare them to be the most amazing second grade and third grade students!

We will begin our mid-year assessments in reading this week. Your child will complete an independent reading assessment (DRA) and the Words Their Way Assessment to measure their growth, and use that data to instruct them appropriately.

Your child is creating a narrative story about what their Snowman Does at Night borrowing the craft of the author Snowmen at Night. They are being asked to add details to their writing by answering questions such as: What does it *look like*? What does it *sound like*? What does it *smell like*? What does it *taste like*? What does it *feel like*?
We have amazing writers in this class!!!



The second grade students will be using the Scientific Method and apply as they attempt to grow grass. You may hear them use terminology such as, form a hypothesis, test your hypothesis, analyze your data, and draw conclusions. I can't wait to see what they come up with!



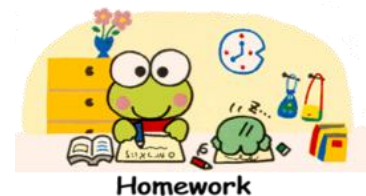
Your child will copy their homework in the agenda that the PTO was kind enough to purchase, and keep math homework, returned homework, tests and papers from the office in their homework folder that was given to them by Mr. Maloney. They will have homework each night in Word Work, Reading, Math and Fluency each night. *It should look like this:*

Reading: Read for 15 or more minutes and Practice one minute fluency passage (Directions below)

Spelling: Word Sort: Basic Sort Monday, Blind Sort Tuesday, Speed Sort Wednesday, Written Sort Thursday. and Test on Friday. (Directions attached to keep at home)

Language Arts: May ask to complete assignment...

Math: Practice Fact Triangles and complete 4-1 (Represents Chapter 4 - Lesson 1) The number should increase each day

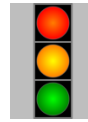


Please review and sign the agenda each night to communicate that you have seen and reviewed with your child. If you are not seeing these things, please question them. The agenda and homework folder is to be in school every day. Please help them set up an organized way of getting everything in their book bag, ready to grab, and get on the bus. The more organized they are, the more prepared they are for a successful day!

*(Directions for Reading 1 minute passage: Set a timer for 1 minute. Read as fast as you can. Mark the page where you were when the timer went off with a /M for Monday, /T for Tuesday, /W for Wednesday and /Th for Thursday. You should notice that you have been able to get further each night! There will be an assessment at the end of the year to see how many more words can be read in 1 minute.)



Our curriculum is extremely community based. The students are called upon to work productively and cooperatively with partners in math, word work, reading workshop and science which means working effectively and efficiently without the teacher looking directly at them every minute. This demands a level of self control on the parts of all students. They will need to listen, use their words appropriately, compromise, and make good choices. I ask that you speak to your child about this big responsibility and encourage them to be successful! Perhaps you could check in with them daily and hear how they think they are improving everyday!



We will practice "Stop, Think, Make a great choice!"

Odds & Ends...



If you did not sign and return the report card envelope, please do so at your earliest convenience. They will be used for the 2nd trimester report card.

Please help your child come to school with a pencil every day.



Stay connected! Please call, email or write a note if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions. If your child knows we are working together for their best interest, they will be most successful! Thank you for your support!!!

Respectfully,

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