

Welcome to Second Grade

- Meeting the individual needs of developing readers, writers, and problem solvers.
- Challenging each child to his/her full potential.
- Motivating children to become lifelong learners.
- Including parents as partners in the learning process.
- Preparing all students to be proficient in all academic areas.
- Aligned to the PA standards.
- Learning is a triangle with you, your child,
and the teacher. Without all three working together, there's no complete picture!

SECOND GRADE GOALS...

Reading

text: Harcourt Trophies series

Each child will:

- recognize words in context.
- use decoding/phonics skills.
- read orally with expression.
- apply comprehension skills.

retell a story.

- become an independent reader.
- appreciate various literary styles.

Writing/ Speaking/ Listening

Each child will:

Use the Writing Process:

1. Prewrite
2. Rough draft
3. Revise
4. Proofread
5. Publish

- express ideas clearly.
- use logical phonetic spellings and spell known words correctly.
- develop appropriate punctuation and capitalization.

write complete sentences and paragraphs

- communicate ideas & experiences.
- write stories with a beginning, middle, and an end.
- listen attentively.
- follow oral directions.
- use correct grammar when speaking.
- use different types of writing:
 1. Persuasive
 2. Informational
 3. Narrative

Mathematics

text: Harcourt HSP Math Series

Each child will:

- read and write numbers accurately to 1000.
- understand and apply mathematic processes through 20 with accuracy and speed.
- know basic addition and subtraction facts.
- compute addition & subtraction problems involving 2 and 3 digit numbers.
- become a problem solver with explanations.
- demonstrate knowledge of concepts of time, money, place value, measurement, fractions, geometry, and estimation.
- participate in calendar math activities.

Technology

Each child will:

- practice basic calculator skills.
- use computers as learning tools.
- research topics on the Internet.

Handwriting

Text: Handwriting Without Tears

Each child will:

- form letters using correct size, shape, and spacing.
- write legibly in daily work.
- develop automaticity.

Science/Social Studies

The Social Sciences are integrated into all areas of the 2nd grade curriculum.

Special Area Classes

The following special subjects are taught throughout the year: Art, Library, Physical Education, Music and Computers.

EACH CHILD CAN LEARN

Suggestions to help your child at home:

- **Discuss your child's day at school. Ask what he/she learned at school today and expect an answer!**
- **Set a specific time each day for home- work/study. This may be practicing vocabulary words, rereading the story text, using addition and subtraction flash cards, or counting money and telling time.**
- **Read to or with your child about 15 minutes a day. It can be anything in print such as cereal boxes, road signs, maps, travel brochures, etc.**
- **Limit the amount of TV time.**
- **Use calendars to mark and discuss important events.**
- **Make a "to do" list and have your child check-off items as they are completed.**
- **Hold high expectations. Children will usually live up to what you expect of them.**
- **Instill responsibility in your child by encouraging him/her to show you daily papers, to complete homework, and to return required forms to school.**
- **Monitor your child's guided reading assignments.**
- **Encourage your child to keep a journal or diary.**