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Important Dates

September

7: Labor Day No School

October

31: Halloween Parade

WELCOME BACK!

It is exciting to be your child's teacher for this year. I hope each of you had a restful summer. Second grade will be a year of excitement for your child. There are many ways to find out what is going on at school and in our classroom. Each month you will receive a newsletter like this one highlighting classroom projects we are working on.

You can also find out about our class by visiting our classroom website at the above address. Weekly reminders will be posted on the homework agenda as well. Don't forget to visit our school web site and read "The Ranch View Roundup", the school's monthly newsletter, to find out what's happening at school.

School Supplies Needed



We are always in need of school supplies. Now is the time of year to find the best deals. If you would like to donate supplies we could always use **#2 pencils, erasers, washable markers, Kleenex, antibacterial hand sanitizer, etc.** classroom door. Each request is written on an

You may also want to keep an extra set of school supplies to have a home so your child will have the tools he or she needs to complete homework and projects.





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SECOND GRADE LEVELS

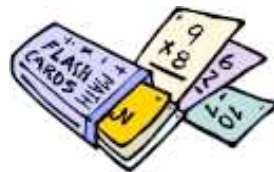
READING: Accelerated Reader (AR)

This year your child will need to earn Accelerated Reader points. Accelerated Reader or AR is a computer based system that allows students to take tests on books they have read. Each child will be responsible for earning approximately 10 AR points per trimester. The actual number of AR points will vary due to your child's reading level. Most

picture books are worth $\frac{1}{2}$ a point. In order for a child to earn 10 AR points he/she must pass 20 or more AR Tests.



MATH



We will be using a new consumable math book this year. Your child will learn to read, count, and write numbers to one thousand; add and subtract with regrouping; learn about fractions; tell time to the nearest quarter, half, and whole

hour; count money; and begin to study multiplication and division. As we finish a chapter from the math book, your child will take a chapter test and after the test is graded it will be sent home. You can help your child at home by reviewing the homework each night with your child and helping him or her with concepts he or she may find difficult.

SCIENCE

Our science textbook has 3 main areas of focus. Those areas are motion, life cycles, and earth materials. Many of our lessons will

include hands on experiments which will allow your child to work as a "scientist".



SOCIAL STUDIES

This year, your child will learn about community, family, and government. We will have many projects that will relate to these units.



FINE ARTS: Art Elements, Music, & Dance



Your child will learn about fine arts through many classroom activities. Sometimes these lessons will be incorporated into what we are learning in the classroom and other times there will be a time set aside on Friday to learn about art, music, and

dance. In art, your child will learn about the 7 elements of art which include line, space, color, etc. We will then learn about an artist who used one or more of these elements. For music, your child will have a chance to play some instruments I have in the classroom and learn some classic children's and folk songs. We will also spend some time learning folkdances too.

HOMEWORK

Homework will go home in a weekly packet. It will consist of 2 pages of spelling, 2 pages of math, and 1 study skill per night. Reading for 30 minutes a night is also required. While this may sound like a lot of homework, many of the pages have less than 10 questions on each page. Homework will reinforce the concepts we have covered in class each day. The packet will go home on Monday and is due back on Friday. Any incomplete homework must be accompanied by a note from a parent in order to be excused. Incomplete homework without a note will be finished at school during a free activity time.



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PE



PE is scheduled regularly each week. We will have 2 assigned PE days at 40 minutes each with our PE aide. We will also have extra PE time if our schedule permits. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately on our PE days. Loose fitting clothing and tennis shoes are recommended PE attire. On

hot days, our PE schedule will be somewhat modified. Instead of participating in outdoor activities, your child will have some indoor fun. Students will only be excused from PE if there is a written doctor's note or a note from a parent or guardian. Please encourage your child to participate during our PE time.

TECHNOLOGY



We will use the computer lab this year for AR tests and internet research. Your child will also be working on an ePortfolio this year. An ePortfolio is a computerized database of some of your

child's work and includes their opinions about how they do in class. You will have access to your child's eportfolio on our classroom web site.

COMMUNICATION



If you would like to meet with me, please make an appointment by calling the school office or sending a note to school with your child. You will receive monthly newsletters keeping you informed about classroom events or you can visit our classroom web site for more information about classroom procedures and schedules

