



2nd Grade: Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Thomas

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*What a pleasure it has been this week to get the school year underway and to work with your children. We look forward to the learning and growing we will do together this year! Second grade is filled with so many great adventures and experiences!

*Each week we will be sending home a Weekly News to help us stay connected. You will see what we have been learning, and what will be coming up the next week. In the News you will also be reminded of upcoming events, as well as any classroom reminders to take notice of. Please keep us informed of things happening at home, too, so that we can work together to make this a special year for your child.

***HELPFUL HINT....Save the newsletter throughout the week to refer back to for help with reading, spelling, and memory homework!**

*Reminder - Picture Day is Monday, August 23! This is a free dress day!

Religion

This week we learned about our theme verse, Colossians 3:17! We talked about how we can shine like stars or dim the light of Jesus through our words and actions! Let's Do This!

Reading/Language

We are very excited to open up our new reading books and see all it has to offer! It will be a great tool to help these little readers develop their love for reading and ability to use reading for learning. The first unit will focus on animal traits. We will send home a family overview sheet each week to keep you posted on the vocabulary, skills, and writing styles we will be focusing on that week.

We began doing some sentence writing in our journals, which will become a wonderful second grade memory book by the end of the year. Reviewing complete sentences is our first topic in Language. We are impressed with the children's writing skills already! We also checked out our class library and are excited to get down to business!

Math

This week we spent some time with our hundred number chart to get back into our routines. Next week we will work on our doubles facts, identifying pattern blocks, and ordinal positions (1st-6th). Students will bring home a practice sheet almost every night (except for test dates). Please encourage your child to check his/her own work before bringing it back to school. A good rule of thumb is that unless the paper has a stamp, sticker, or written grade, it should come back to be turned into the teacher.

Spanish

Our first unit will be focused on learning family members and answering 'How are you?'. The students will keep a Spanish folder at school with all of the practice sheets that we do. At the end of the unit I will staple and grade the packet and it will be sent home to review for tests.



Science

We will begin our science lessons next week by discussing what scientists do, how they think, and ways we can use clues around us to see God's work in the world!

Spelling

We will begin our first spelling unit next week. Remember that the *spelling word* test will be on Tuesdays, and the *sentence* test will be on Thursdays. As a group, the children will create 4-5 sentences using the word list. They will write them on Tuesday and bring them home to study for Thursday.

Our first list... sad, dig, jam, glad, list, win, flat, if, fix, rip, kit, mask

Memory Work

The children may recite memory work to the teacher any day of the week next week.

Our first: **And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17**

Social Studies

This year we will begin with a unit about how we use our natural resources.

Teacher Tip!

Please check your child's **folder** each night, empty out the "home" side, and help them remember to bring it back to school the next day.

Please send in your **family scrapbook page** as soon as it is completed. Our book is looking great!

We will have a **snack time** mid-morning each day to help us stay focused and attentive! It should be small, easy, and healthy. J