

Dear Families,

June 2017

Hello, my name is Mrs. Kane and I will be your child's second grade teacher this fall. The children entering second grade need to keep reading throughout the summer to avoid that summer slide you hear about. This will also prepare them for the reading they will be required to do in grade 2 when they return to school.

I have enclosed a reading log in which the children will need to read 15 minutes a day 3-4 days a week. I have also enclosed summer skills worksheets and book report activity sheets for them to complete and return the first day of school. These will become their first homework grades, so it is important that it's kept in a safe place when it's completed so that you can easily find it when it is due.

The children may read whatever interests them. They will be required to do two simple book reports as part of the summer packet.

### **Here are some titles you may want to use.**

**The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein**

**Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak**

**All titles by Kevin Henkes**

**Harry by the Sea by Gene Zion**

### **Series Books**

**Cam Jansen by David Adler**

**Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown**

**Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park**

**The Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne**

**Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant**

**Amelia Bedelia by Herman Parrish**

**Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel**

**Horrible Harry by Suzie Kline**

In addition, no pun intended, they need to keep up with their math skills over the summer as well. Please make sure to review counting to 100+ forwards and backwards and skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Maybe on the way to the beach or other summer destination, they can practice with you. Their summer packet has math

practice in it but you can also log onto the website that coincides with our math text to help review grade one concepts. It is [www.sadlier-oxford.com](http://www.sadlier-oxford.com). You click on math and then the student grade level practice activities.

Some things in the packet are review skills and some are a taste of what they'll be seeing in second grade.

## Grade Two Supply List

### Student Supplies

- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Erasers
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Markers
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ Child scissors
- ✓ Glue sticks and 1 liquid glue
- ✓ Scotch tape (not shiny)
- ✓ Pencil box
- ✓ Folders-1 red labeled Spanish, another labeled Home and a third labeled School
- ✓ 3 one subject notebooks labeled: Reading Response, Math, and Religion
- ✓ 1 one inch binder for Science
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Ruler-inches and centimeters
- ✓ St. Teresa planner- to be purchased at school

**Classroom Supplies: Students with last names a-m please send in items at the start of school. Students with last names n-z please send items in January.**

**Tissues**

**Paper towels**

**Napkins**

**Disinfectant wipes**

**Plastic spoons and forks**

**Donation Wish List:** cardstock (any colors), multi-colored index cards, dry erase markers all colors (writing center), pipe cleaners, stickers etc. for art center. Assorted sizes Ziploc bags, white paper lunch bags and glue dots.

I look forward to seeing you all in the fall! Have a fun, safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kane