

Dear Future Second Grade Families,

Welcome to second grade! This will be a fun and exciting year for your child. They will make progress in reading comprehension and mathematical thinking. Here are some ideas you can do at home this summer to prepare your child for second grade.

Learning/Social Behavior: Encourage more responsibility. Give your child a few jobs or chores each week, practice following directions and being organized.

Reading: Please spend lots of time with books! Take a few minutes each day to read a book, magazine, newspaper, or a cereal box together. Encourage your child to read independently, or aloud to you or a sibling. Take your child to the library or visit Tumble books on the Willow Ridge website. There are also many fun apps to keep them reading. Get excited about reading! ☺

Writing: Encourage "real life" writing events e.g. thank you notes for birthday gifts, letters to family and friends, journal writing, or nature observations.

Math: Count money together, work on coin recognition and value, telling the time, and practice basic addition and subtraction facts together. Math apps and web-based games are also a fun way to keep math skills sharp.

Technology: Visit some fun educational websites with your child.

Please consider the following list as you purchase school supplies this summer:

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| ○ Headphones | ○ Yellow highlighters |
| ○ Colored pencils and/or
crayons | ○ Package of glue sticks |
| ○ 2-3 pencils (sharpened) | ○ Pair of Scissors |
| ○ Bottle of glue for the class | ○ Backpack (without wheels) |
| | ○ Black Dry Erase Markers |

Extra items needed for the classroom:

Ziplock baggies, bleach wipes, band-aides, paper towel, tissues, tape, and peanut free snack to help stock our emergency snack supply.

We hope you have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to a great year of getting to know you and your child. You will receive a letter in the mail from your teacher before school starts with more information.

Second Grade Teachers