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Dear Second Grade Families,

Welcome to the Second Grade! We hope you had a great summer! We are looking forward to working with you and your second grader this year. We anticipate an exciting year.

To start the year your child will need to bring the following items to school:

glue sticks (at least 4)

24 pencils **Latex free**

eraser caps(12) or bar erasers - **Latex free**

composition notebook (1)

Kleenex (2 or 3 boxes)

scissors (1)

markers (8 pack)

crayons (16 pack)

plastic pencil box (1)

stylus (1) for their iPad

***We have headphones for student use however if damaged by your child they will need to pay \$15 to replace them. If you prefer instead to send headphones or ear buds with your child please put them in a Ziploc bag with their name on it.

In second grade we will explore the following areas:

- In math, the students will study the areas of number sense, addition, subtraction, geometry, measurement, and an introduction to multiplication.
- The science program includes three inquiry-based units in Earth Science, Life Science and Physical Science.
- In social studies we will learn about our local community. Students will look at our local communities' history. We will also focus on geography, government, citizenship and economics.
- During our language arts block, we will continue to reinforce the reading and writing strategies that were introduced in first grade. The students will participate in: writing, guided reading, Working with Words, Self Selected Reading (SSR), as well as spelling, vocabulary and more.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer with your family and friends. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

2nd Grade Staff