

Dear Second Grade Families,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

This year we are using Journeys, a comprehensive, K–5 evidence-based, English Language Arts program. In grade two, students will continue to build important reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. They will think, talk, and write about what they read in a variety of texts, such as stories, books, articles, and other sources of information including the Internet. In their writing, students will learn how to develop a topic and strengthen their skills by editing and revising. Second grade students will:



- Pay close attention to details, including illustrations and graphics, in stories and books to answer who, what, where, when, why, and how questions
- Determine the lesson or moral of stories, fables, and folktales
- Use text features (e.g., captions, bold print, indexes) to locate key facts or information efficiently
- Write an opinion about a book he or she has read, using important details from the materials to support that opinion
- Write stories that include a short sequence of events and include a clear beginning, middle, and end
- Take part in conversations by linking his or her comments to the remarks of others and asking and answering questions to gather additional information or deepen understanding of the topic
- Retell key information or ideas from media or books read aloud

There are many ways you can help your child at home. Invite your child to talk about what he/she is learning each day in class. Encourage your child to read each night exploring different genres.

Your child can access Journeys at home using his/her personal login & password. Students can read/listen to the week's anchor text, paired text, and leveled readers.

Remember, it is important to instill a love of reading in every child.

Please encourage your child to read daily.