

Dear Rising 2nd Grade Parents and Students,

We are so excited to kick off the new school year! We can not wait to spend the year with you learning so many new things and making fun memories together.

To prepare your child for 2nd grade, we highly encourage each student to read throughout the summer. As you read with your child, we recommend talking with them about the text in order to strengthen their comprehension skills. Here are some questions to ask your child:

- Can you make a prediction about what will happen next?
- Who were the main characters? How did these characters respond to different events/problems in the story?
- Can you retell what happened in the story?
- What was the central message of the story? What did the characters learn? How can you apply that to your life?
- When you got stuck on a word you did not know, what strategy did you use to help you figure out the meaning?
- If you are reading a nonfiction text, what text features can you identify? How do they help you understand the text? (diagrams, headings, captions, glossary, etc)

Math fact fluency is also a critical skill in second grade. Please practice addition and subtraction facts weekly with flashcards (can be bought at the Dollar Tree, Walmart, Amazon, etc).

Here are some of our favorite educational websites your child can access from their ClassLink:

- Reading Eggs Lessons → this website is fantastic for helping your child develop their reading skills on their level
- Epic → this website has thousands of books to pick from for your child to read
- XtraMath → helps with math fact fluency
- Waggle → this website has math lessons and games on your child's level

We hope that you all have a great summer and look forward to seeing you soon!

-Ms. Pressley and Ms. Cooper 2nd Grade Teachers