

Dear Second Grade Families,

Welcome to second grade! We are very blessed at St. Bernard's to have high academic standards.

Summer vacation provides us with much needed rest and relaxation. However, studies show that students tend to lose skills learned during the year due to lack of practice. Below are the required assignments that will help your child practice his/her reading and math skills over the summer. Students will receive a grade for these assignments at the beginning of the school year, so please be sure to set time aside throughout the summer for these things.

1. Reach the summer **goal of 3,000 coins in the SumDog** online summer program (see directions packet sent home).
2. Please make sure your child reads for at least 15 minutes every day. This can be a quiet time alone for your child or a shared reading with a parent/older sibling. **Please have the following things stapled and ready to turn-in on the first day of school.**
 - Write down the book titles, authors, and any comments on the Summer Reading Log.
 - Choose one of your favorite books and use it to complete the Story Map.
 - Choose another book and use it to complete the Book Report.

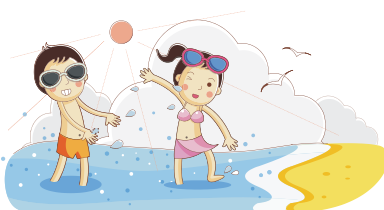


The student supply list, emergency classroom supply list, all of the attached papers/forms, suggested reading, math practice, handwriting practice, and additional information can be found on my classroom website: www.mskingsstars.weebly.com. Bookmark this for easy access during the summer, especially if this packet gets misplaced.

Please make sure that the required supplies are brought to school on the first day. Proper preparation is the key to a great beginning!

With your support and encouragement, your child will have wonderful experiences and lasting memories in second grade.

Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful summer!



Sincerely,

Ms. Denise King

**INCOMING GRADE 2 - SCHOOL SUPPLIES
ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL
2017-2018**

PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK.

- 2 wide-ruled composition books. Please label each with your child's name.
- 4 colored (blue, purple, red, green) pocket folders (PAPER ONLY) with pockets on the bottom (not the sides), with NO prongs for paper in the middle. Please label each folder with your child's name and as follows:
 - Blue - HOMEWORK
 - Purple - FRIDAY
 - Red - UNFINISHED
 - Green - WRITING
- 1 pencil box – no larger than 6" x 9"
- 1 art smock – this can be an old (but clean) adult sized t-shirt.
- Headphones – These will be used frequently with our school tablets. Please label with your child's name. Please do not send ear buds, as the small pieces come apart and get lost easily.

PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR CHILD'S PENCIL BOX.

- 1 box of 12 sharpened colored pencils. Please label each pencil with your child's name. →
- 4 glue sticks – please label with your child's name.
- 1 pair of Fiskars metal blade, child-size scissors – please label with your child's name.
- 1 (clean) sock – This will be used as an eraser for our whiteboards. Missing pairs work well.



PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN A LARGE BAG. LABEL THE BAG WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

- 6 boxes of **12 YELLOW Dixon Ticonderoga #2 pencils ONLY**– These work the best. **Please, do not write your child's name on the pencils** as they will be shared with the entire class.
- 2 packages of paper towels
- 4 large boxes of tissues
- 3 large packs of baby wipes
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 4 packs of sticky note pads
- 2 packs of at least 4 colored dry-erase markers
- Aleene's Tacky Glue – 4oz or more
- Students with last names A-M → 1 box of 1-gallon ziplock bags
- Students with last names N-Z → 1 box of quart/sandwich ziplock bags

PLEASE DO NOT SEND

Do not send mechanical or designer pencils, pencil sharpeners, or items that are not on this list. Explain to your child that some supplies will be collected by the teacher on the first day of school. Please make sure that all your child's backpack, lunchbox, and sweatshirts are labeled with your child's name.

If necessary, a request for additional supplies or donations for art materials may be sent home during the school year.

Incoming 2nd Grade - Emergency Supply List

2017-2018

Each family must provide a 1-gallon zip-lock bag containing the following emergency supplies. These bags will be kept in your child's classroom to be utilized as necessary. We will send them back to you at the end of the school year to be updated and returned at the beginning of the following year.

- Small supply of wet wipes
- 1 bottled water and 1 juice box or Capri Sun
- Granola bar
- Raisins
- Jerky
- Kleenex
- A few band-aids (classroom first aid kit will be available)
- Family photo
- Change of underwear
- Change of socks
- Any other items that will fit in the bag and would be useful for your child

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE 1-GALLON ZIP-LOCK BAG AND HAVE STUDENT'S NAME CLEARLY MARKED ON BAG.

Please send any medical prescriptions or over the counter medication along with specific instructions with a doctor's permission included to the school office. Please do not send refrigerated items. Please send in a separate bag clearly marked with your child's name.

**Incoming Second Grade - Summer Math
2017-2018**

Below is a list of the math skills that your child should be familiar with when he/she begins second grade. Keep in mind these concepts do not have to be mastered. We will be reviewing these concepts at the beginning of the school year. If your child is struggling in math, please work with them over the summer.

- Recognizing Numbers
- Writing Numbers
- Counting Numbers to 100
- Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Addition and Subtraction Facts to 20
- Putting Numbers in Order
- Basic Math Terms
- Adding and Subtracting 0
- Basic Word Problems
- Basic concepts of money - Penny, Nickel, Dime, Quarter

Students are encouraged to review basic math skills with a family member. Research demonstrates that students learn and become proficient by practicing with hands-on, life-like experiences. If your child had difficulty understanding math concepts in first grade, I suggest that you work with him/her during the summer, in addition to the SumDog online summer program.

Please use daily activities to review the following skills:

- Find values of coin and bills
- Make change
- Show penny (P), nickel (N), dime (D) and quarter (Q) for a given amount
- Know addition facts sums to 20
- Know "harder" subtraction and addition facts
- Construct fact families for addition and subtraction
- Devise and use strategies for finding sums and differences of two digit numbers
- Subtract multiples of ten
- Solve simple addition number stories
- Tell time

Incoming 2nd Grade - Summer Reading 2017-2018

It is important for children to maintain their reading skills throughout the summer. We encourage various reading materials (books of good length, fiction, non-fiction, magazines, newspapers ...) to be read during the summer. We rely on parent's judgment to assist their child in choosing age appropriate and reading level materials. We recommend incoming second graders to read between 20-25 books over the summer. Use the most recent STAR Reading test results sent home with report cards to choose books in your child's Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).

Please keep a list of books read on the reading log sheet. Make as many copies as you need.

Take advantage of our local library's summer reading program or Book Adventure (www.bookadventure.com). Book Adventure allows the children to create their own book lists according to their interests, take multiple choice quizzes on the books they've read offline, and earn points and prizes for their literary successes. There are also lists of suggested books for second grade that can be found on our class website: <http://mskingsstars.weebly.com/reading-lists.html>.

Each student should choose two different books s/he read over the summer to use for the Book Report and Story Map. Help your child fill out the attached Book Report form and Story Map. Help him/her to use using neat printing, write in complete sentences and color the picture neatly.

The Book Report, Story Map, and Summer Reading Log are due the first week of school and will be graded. Enjoy reading!