

## **Second Grade Newsletter**

**Friday, July 20, 2018**

Dear Families,

This week we have been working hard in second grade. We have been learning more about our classroom and opening up different areas of the room. We have many stations that we love and are excited about. We have been learning about being respectful to others, taking learning risks, the benefits of making mistakes, that it's okay to not know something YET, perseverance, and empathy. We have made puppet books about ourselves and we have created our hopes & dreams for the year and our classroom rules. We also began a time capsule that we will open on the last day of school.

In math we have been working with tally marks, surveys, and graphing. We are learning about each other through this as well. We have also been reviewing basic addition strategies. We want to become proficient with basic addition and subtraction so that we can work our way into some really big math problems.

In language arts we have continued to write about ourselves and the books we are reading. We have begun reading station rotations. These stations will become more complex, individualized, and challenging as we build momentum. We also have opened our class library and have begun to practice selecting books that are just right for us. Today we began using our second grade book logs. We are also continuing to enjoy the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

It was wonderful to meet many of you and reconnect with others at open house. If you were unable to stop by last night, but would like to see our classroom then just send me a message and we can work out a time. Our apple tree items from open house will be left on our door throughout next week. If you are willing and able to make a donation to our classroom then these are the items we would like. We have everything we need- these are just wants. No pressure- just wanted those who have been asking to be aware. Parent teacher conference day is earlier this year. It will take place in mid August for those interested. More info will come home soon. I am also happy to conference with you earlier or anytime throughout the year that you or I feel the need so just let me know and we can work that out.

Thank you for sharing your sweet kids with me. This is a great group of kids!

-Ms. Kelli

### **Questions to Ask Your Child:**

- What question did you choose for your survey and bar graph?
- What books in the classroom library are you excited about?
- What is happening in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

### **Announcements:**

- Parent teacher conference day will be Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. No school for kids.
- Teacher inservice will be Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. No school for kids.
- ETSU classes will begin on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Be ready for heavy traffic!
- No school on Labor Day which is Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.