

Dear parents of new second graders,

We are looking forward to you joining us in the next school year! In order to ensure that the transition to second grade is a bit easier on your child, it is important that he/she acquire and maintain the necessary skills to begin the year off on a positive note. Below is a list of skills your child should be working on over the summer in order to be ready for second grade. Regular and repeated practice is helpful.

Students should

- Practice writing their **first** and **last** name beginning with a capital letter. There should be appropriate spacing between the first and last name.
- Learn and practice all 70 phonograms. Say them aloud and write them!

Spalding has a phonogram app that is very helpful.

<https://www.spaldingeducation.org/spalding-app> (there is a cost of \$3.99)

- Practice writing complete sentences beginning with a capital letter and ending with the appropriate punctuation.
- Read aloud fluently (approximately 55 words per minute).
- Practice skip counting by 2's, 5's, 10's, and 100's as high as you can!
- Practice answering 100 addition facts in 4 minutes. (Being able to complete as many subtraction facts up to 100 in 4 minutes is beneficial.)
- Practice identifying coins and knowing their values. Practice counting money amounts.

**We are truly excited about the upcoming year, and we can't wait to meet our new students!**

The Second Grade Teachers

Mrs. Calderon  
Miss Dessenberger

Mrs. Carpenter  
Mrs. Freeland



Read as many chapter books as you can over the summer. Write down the titles on the summer reading log. When school starts, bring your reading log to your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher to get a prize!