



Dear Future Second Grade Parents,

We are looking forward to working with you and your child next year! As you prepare for second grade this summer, we encourage parents and children to read together. You might consider summer reading programs that are available through the public libraries and/or Berlin Elementary School's new summer reading challenge. Reading with your child, to your child, and providing time for reading aloud and silently will be extremely beneficial. Discussing and asking questions about the story would also be helpful to increase your child's comprehension skills.

In math, students should know their addition and subtraction facts through 10 as well as their doubles facts ($7+7=14$, $9+9=18$, etc.) Math games, practical math situations at the grocery store, handling money, predicting time for an event and discussing time should be encouraged. Also, being able to apply math skills through problem solving is a large focal point in second grade.

Give your child the gift of providing multiple opportunities to write. Letters and cards to family and friends, journals, grocery lists, and summaries of books or events are valuable writing ideas for your child to practice their writing skills. Assist them in using correct grammar and spelling, placing capital letters at the beginning of sentences and choosing exciting proper nouns in their sentences. The use of ending punctuation marks should also be stressed.

Please value your individual child's creative strengths. Encourage your child's imagination, sense of wonder, and independence.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to a productive second grade school year.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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