

Dear Second-Grade Parents,

Welcome to Switch Day! Your child has been given some suggestions and materials to use this summer in order to prepare for the second grade. Please review the suggestions, as well as the summer reading list, the reading book log form, and the addition and subtraction math facts sheet. Please spend 30 minutes daily reading with your child and reviewing the math facts. Please practice the lists of sight and high-frequency words. Students will be tested on word recognition early in September. For our Catholic parents and students, please practice the enclosed prayers as they are part of the second-grade religion curriculum and will be said each day. All of these things will help reinforce what your child learned in the first grade and better prepare him or her for September.

Your child should have the following supplies on the first day of school. Your child must be prepared to work on that day. No exceptions will be given. Any items that do not coordinate with the supply list will be sent home.

1. A medium-sized backpack
2. A lunch box (labeled)
3. An art smock, such as an old tee shirt (labeled on the tag and in a labeled Ziplock bag)
4. A flat, nylon, zippered pencil case (no plastic pencil cases will be permitted as they don't fit in the desks)
5. A box of colored pencils, crayons, or Twistables (no markers will be permitted)
6. A labeled two-pocket folder for take-home papers
7. A labeled two-pocket folder for Book Club materials
8. A plastic labeled two-pocket folder for LabLearner (science) materials
9. One labeled notebook for freetime drawing and writing
10. Three glue sticks AND one Elmer's or liquid glue (labeled)
11. Five sharpened Number 2 pencils only (no lead pencils will be permitted; will not be sharpened at school)
12. Two red pencils to use for checking math homework
13. A pair of scissors (labeled)
14. Two boxes of tissues
15. Please purchase *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, a chapter book by Roald Dahl. This will be used for our literature circle in class at the end of the school year. Please label the inside cover with your child's name. Please do not read the book over the summer, as this is part of a class project.

Special notebooks for journal writing, spelling, cursive penmanship, and assignment pads will be available in September and purchased through the school. These notebooks are required for second grade. These supplies will cost \$12.00, which your child must bring in on the first day of school in a labeled white envelope.

All workbooks must be covered with cardboard before using brown paper. Book soks do not provide adequate protection for workbooks. Contact paper of any color is not allowed because the workbooks do not look covered.

Please remember, it is the child's responsibility to be prepared for the school day. Do not assume your child's backpack is ready for the day. You must help your child each evening or morning by ensuring five pencils are sharpened before school, homework is completed and repacked into the backpack, and any notes for the office are in the take-home folder or brown envelope. Additionally, although study skills are taught in class, studying for tests, such as spelling, math, religion, and science, is a skill that must be taught and emphasized at home.

I look forward to meeting you in September at Back-to-School Night. I hope you have a fun-filled summer.

Best Regards,  
Ms. O'Hagan