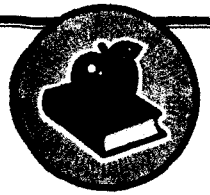




Smyser Accelerated
School

Welcome to

S E C O N D G R A D E



September
2010

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Dear Smyser Families,
We would like to welcome you and your child to the second grade. We have many exciting activities and projects planned for your child next year! We are eager to work as a team to help make your child's learning experience a positive and challenging one.

Our Curriculum

Math

We will focus on regrouping with addition and subtraction, money, geometry, problem solving, basic fractions, time and measurement.

Science

We will learn about plants & animals, their habitats, weather, health and body, fossils, and space. We will incorporate several activities and projects to enhance our learning.

Social Studies

We will learn about geography, community, citizenship, the working world, and various cultural holidays and traditions.

Reading/Language Arts

We will read a different story every week and participate in various activities to enhance your child's reading & comprehension skills. There will be a reading test once a week. A large part of our morning hours will be spent on comprehension and higher order thinking skills as well as phonics, vocabulary and spelling. Most important, we will be working to develop your child's writing in the following styles: Descriptive, Persuasive, Narrative, and Expository.

Dibels/MAP Testing

We will continue to administer the Dibels along with a new MAP assessment three times a year. Results will be sent home so that you may also keep track of your child's progress.

Homework

Your child will be given at least 30 minutes of homework daily. We will use the Smyser Student Planner to record assignments for all subjects. We ask that you sign your child's planner after you review each homework assignment. We will highlight any missing assignment in their Student Planner, this should be turned in the next school day. Extra time will be offered to children that miss assignments due to an absence from class.

Academic Progress

We will send your child's graded class work and homework every week in a folder. We ask that you review their work & our feedback. Please sign and return this folder the following school day. This weekly process will enable you to monitor your child's progress routinely.

If your child receives a letter grade D or F on an assignment, it will be sent home immediately for your review and signature. Progress reports will be sent home according to the Smyser 5 week schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Please check out our website www.smyser.org for more information. Let's work together to make this school year a success at Smyser, "A Great Place To Learn!"

Sincerely,
The 2nd Grade Team

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Student please print your name: _____

Parent please sign your name: _____