



August 16, 2019

Dear Second Grade Parents,

I hope you are having a lovely summer with your family and friends. Personally, it has been a treat to slow down and enjoy sunny days swimming and biking, along with early evening picnics and backyard barbeques. Now that the summer is quickly coming to a close, I am directing my energy to the school year ahead. I look forward to shaking each of your second grader's hands on the first day of school and seeing how much your child has grown, physically and also emotionally, over the summer.

I hope your second grader has been practicing reading the book, ***Biscuit's Day at the Farm*** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. In June I asked you to go through this book with your child over the summer and have your second grader practice sounding out the words in each sentence. *Biscuit's Day at the Farm* is a very good first reader with clear sentences, repetitive words, and many sight words. Reading it the way I have described will reinforce what was learned in first grade. Remember, at the start of second grade, each student should have read through the book a number of times and be ready to read it with the class.

Here are a few reminders and dates for the start of the school year:

1) **School begins Wed. September 4th at 8:15 am. It is a half-day and will be followed by a picnic.** I will end the day at noon and shake your second grader's hand by the second grade classroom; they will be in your care for the school picnic.

2) Please send your second grader to school with:

- a cup
- inside slippers or shoes
- backpack
- lunchbox
- sun hat/sunblock
- Rain gear- rain pants, jacket and waterproof boots

3) Please put on your calendar our first parent meeting which will be a **Back-to-School night for all the grades on September 19th at 6:30 pm.** All the parents of the school will be meeting in the auditorium where our new director Sue Das will deliver opening remarks. This will be followed by you then making your way to the second grade classroom where I will give a brief overview of the year and give you the block schedule.



Last but certainly not least, I wanted to thank you all for your extremely generous end-year gifts!! I was greatly touched by this gesture. I strongly felt your support throughout the year and I am deeply grateful for the work we do together to support your children.

Please email me with questions you might have as the school start date approaches. I look forward to another successful year together!

With warmth and gratitude,

Victoria