



2nd Grade Newsletter September 2012

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Second graders will be learning so much in the next few months! This is a time of year when we see them change and grow as we review important skills developed in First Grade and move towards higher level skills. It is more important than ever to make sure your child is getting plenty of rest and eating healthy foods. Also as the seasons change, make sure that he/she wears appropriate outerwear especially as the weather turns colder. *Please remember to check and sign agendas each night.*

September Calendar

- Monday, Sept. 17- Schools Closed, Rosh Hashanah
- Tuesday, Sept. 18- Field Trip to Great Frederick Fair
- Friday, Sept. 21- Parent Teacher Conferences, No School for Students
- Friday, Sept. 26- Schools Closed, Yom Kippur



Word Study

Word study, vocabulary, and phonics are taught throughout second grade. Homework activities will vary depending on the weekly focus. Please refer to the letter on the back of this newsletter for more information regarding homework assignments.

Curriculum Corner

This month we will be working on the following:

Language Arts

Reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction text to read for information and entertainment is the focus. We will be developing fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies for before, during, and after reading



Math

Place value, decomposing numbers, money, math fact acquisition, and representing numbers in different ways are the focus for this quarter.

Social Studies

Communities, Citizenship, Community Helpers, and Maps and Globes will be studied.

Science

Finding the Moon will be our first science unit.

Sneaker Alert!

Please make sure your child wears his/her sneakers on regular P.E. days. Exercise is an important part of your child's physical, social and academic achievement! Also, your child has a greater risk of getting injured if he/she is wearing flip-flops while at school. Let's try to avoid wearing these if possible.



When do we have P.E.?

Find your child's teacher to see when their P.E. days are.

Connelly	Thurs.	Fri.
Kastner	Thurs.	Fri.
Shah	Tues.	Wed.
Torres	Tues.	Wed.

* Ms. D'Atri's class is divided between the 4 classes. Please check your child's agenda for their special's schedule.



Homework

Students will receive the weekly homework on Monday and it will be due each Friday. Students are responsible for bringing their agenda every day and writing the daily homework down. In addition to the assigned homework, independent reading is always encouraged for at least 15 minutes each night.

Math

Students will complete 1 page (front and back) of homework each night. Check your child's agenda for the page numbers for that night. Math homework will review and reinforce skills taught in math that week.

Reading

Students will receive a reading passage to read and answer comprehension questions. Other activities may be sent home to practice vocabulary skills.

Spelling

Students will have a spelling notebook with a choice menu. Their words will be in a baggie in the front of the notebook. You may choose an activity to do with the words on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday, you will sort and glue the words.



Meet the Second Grade Team

Melanie Shah

I have been teaching for 18 years with FCPS. I am married and have two children, Aiden and Nathan. My husband is from India and his name is Vipul. We live in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. I enjoy reading, camping, going to football games, and relaxing with my family.

Sheree Kastner

Welcome to second grade! I earned my Master's degree in Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. This is my 21st year teaching in Frederick County and am excited to be starting another year at Glade Elementary. I have three adult children and a precious granddaughter. I enjoy eating out with family and friends, going to the movies, and shopping.

Elizabeth Connelly

Welcome to another great school year! This is my fourth year teaching and am excited to continue to be a part of the Glade community. I grew up in Frederick County and graduated from Towson University. I am continuing my education at Hood College. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, reading, and anything outdoors! I have a wonderful 8 month old son named Aidan.

Shelda Torres

I am a transplanted Californian, but I have made my home in Maryland since 1981. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Mount Saint Mary's University, and a Master's Degree in Counseling from McDaniel College. I have four children, and two grandsons. I have been teaching for 19 years, the last thirteen at Glade Elementary School.

Lindsay D'Atri

I am a graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and hold a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Child Development. I worked at Glade Elementary School last year with the 2nd grade for a few months and is excited to be back!

Kristyn Bojonny

I am a Hood College intern in Miss Connelly's class. I am studying to be an Elementary / Special Education teacher and will graduate in May. I live in the Frederick area and grew up in the Walkersville community. I am excited to be at Glade this year!

Megan Cooper

I am a Hood College intern in Mrs. Shah's class. I am studying Early Childhood Education with a minor in Mathematics Education. I live in Walkersville with my Mom, Dad, two younger sisters, my five cats, and my miniature poodle. I enjoy reading, hanging out with my friends, and baking.



Help!

Donations of the following items are always greatly appreciated to keep our classroom clean and as germ-free as possible:

- Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Sandwich-size Ziploc Bags

Thank you for your help!