

. . . for a Successful School Year

Show interest in your child's education by asking your child about school. For some children, you will need to ask specific questions, not open-ended questions. Support your child in taking ownership of his/her school matters.

Academics

Establish after school routines for completion of homework, including **space** and **time**. Consistency is important.

Reading

1. Model to your child the pleasure and importance of reading.
2. Establish nightly routines for reading.
3. Have your child read out loud as a part of their routine reading for fluency and comprehension.

Second Grade Goals

Self-Confidence

Praise your child for his/her effort, not just for the end product. Children with a growth/malleable view of their abilities/intelligence will better sustain progress, as compared to those with a fixed view.

Independence and Self-Directed Learning

1. Remind your child to review his/her planner for **assignments**.
2. Agree to some consistent time and space for studying or completing assignments.
3. Allow and support your child in making his/her own decisions – appropriate for his/her age. **Guided decision-making** allows your child to participate in the judging/reasoning process, and promotes independent thinking.

Organization

Help your child develop good organizational skills and habits by reminding him/her to put assignments in the take-home folder and backpack when not working on them.

Character

Model and facilitate appropriate behavior and conflict resolution.

1. **Responsibility**
2. **Respect**
3. **Trustworthiness**
4. **Caring**
5. **Fairness**
6. **Citizenship**

Second Grade Expectations

Expectations are designed to promote valuable skills, successful practices, and ultimately productive habits.

Student's Responsibility, Independence, and Self-Confidence

1. Homework

Assignments are due the following school day, unless otherwise noted

- To turn in quality homework
- To turn in homework on time
- To be prepared for discussions for all assignments

2. Communication

- With teacher for expectations, clarifications, and questions
- With teacher for negotiations on all school work
- With parents regarding homework requirements

3. Character