



# September 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom Newsletter



*Mrs. Ryder*

We've had a great couple days of school (given the circumstances)! I'm so excited about this school year! We have talked about our classroom expectations, procedures, and rules. Please look in your child's binder for important information (in the sheet protectors). As always, PLEASE sign/initial your child's agenda nightly (just look for the date) so I know you've seen their behavior color and any homework and/or tape-ins (typed information I taped in) that may contain important information, as well paperwork that is sent home that will be placed in the pocket sleeve of the binder. Please write any notes/concerns/questions in your child's agenda as well and I'll write back or you may email me (you can also message me on Seesaw). ☺

**ELA:** Reading assessments will begin soon in class over the next couple of weeks. We have also begun a new reading program in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade called *Rooted in Reading*. Students will be exposed to a different book each week that will focus on specific skills (inferencing, main idea, supporting details, characterization, etc.). This week we are making connections to the text (text to self, text to text, and text to world). We will start out reading *The Invisible Boy*—which sends a powerful message. Students will be learning strategies to increase their reading comprehension, accuracy, fluency and vocabulary throughout the school year.

**Math:** Students have recently completed their beginning of year diagnostic math assessment through iReady Math. Students will be working on understanding mental math strategies (fact families), solving one-step word problems, understanding mental math strategies (making a ten), & understanding even & odd numbers over the next couple of weeks in math. Students will also utilize the iReady Math website for extra math practice (will be assigned on some Remote Instructional days).

**Social Sciences (Science/Social Studies):** We will be talking about citizenship—what makes a good citizen? We will focus on vocabulary and certain scenarios of individuals that demonstrate this characteristic (at school, at work—society in general).

**Word Study:** Word study will start soon. We will be using the phonics program "Letterland" this school year. ☺

**Writing:** Students will be working on the writing process and building their writing stamina. Our writing lessons will focus on the creation of different writing pieces as well as grammar throughout the school year.

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## Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Sept. 1: Candy Man kickoff

Monday, Sept. 7: Holiday—No School

Friday, Sept. 11: Scholastic Order due (online class code is GQLPQ)

Tuesday, Sept. 15: Interim Reports go home

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Virtual Open House & Book Fair

## Thank you

I appreciate all the extra donations that families sent in at the start of school. Thank you for thinking of our class. If I don't have your email address, please write it in your child's agenda so I can send you weekly/monthly newsletters and updates about our class (I will also send updates, etc. in Seesaw as well).

## PTO

We have a thriving PTO here at SBES. Our school fundraisers make the difference in the resources and opportunities our students have. Our 3-5 playground, sound system, most of the projectors, Elmos, Smart Boards, and resource books are a few of the examples of the impact our PTO has made over the years. Please consider attending a PTO meeting and learning more about their efforts.