Ortwein Overview

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to second grade! The students are slowly building stamina to stay focused and on task. They are learning many routines and procedures as well. I am very proud of them. I have a great group of students this year!

I sent a classroom update email on Friday. I compiled a list of emails from the parent contact form to create a distribution list. If you didn't receive it, please let me know. I will add your name to the list. I will send random emails to communicate with you throughout the school year. My newsletter is sent home every Monday. I will send a paper copy and email it too.

We plan to start a personal narrative writing in class. If you haven't done so, please have your child bring in a summer fun picture. I would like to have them by Friday, August 11.

The NWEA assessment will be administered on August 8 (warm up), 9 (Reading), 10 (ELA), 16 (Math). These assessments will be completed online and will provide valuable academic information to help your child in second grade. Your child will take a beginning, middle, and end of the year test. Please help your child prepare for all tests by making sure they have plenty of sleep the night before and eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school.

Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday. Your child will have a stamp on their homework assignment. Extra reading at home will benefit your child in many academic areas too. I hope you include this in your nightly routine as well. Your child will have a spelling test every Friday. They will take a Reading test every other Friday. I hope this helps. Have a great week!

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Subject Areas:

Reading Unit 1 Exploration

Week 2 Exploring Space

Learning Targets:

- main Idea and details
- text structure
- · long vowels

Vocabulary:

- High Frequency-The high frequency words are on the weekly test.
- Amazing Words-The amazing words are not on the test.
- Spelling Words-We take one test every Friday.

Writing

- types of sentences
- personal narratives

Math - Unit 1 Establishing

Routines

- solve number stories
- addition and subtraction
- · counting on
- read and write numbers
- compare and order numbers
- organize and represent data

<u>Important Dates to</u> Remember

- 8/16 PTO Meeting 6:00
- 8/23 Student Picture Day
- 9/4 Labor Day/No School

