



Welcome to Second Grade!

My name is Mrs. Shinkunas, and I will be your teacher this year. I am really looking forward to an exciting year together. I hope you are too! This year you will read lots of stories. You will write your own stories, too! In science, you will explore rocks, animal habitats, and sound. You will discover the customs and cultures of Native Americans and stretch your thinking as a mathematician. You will make many new friends in our classroom, too. But best of all, you will love learning and coming to second grade each day. Here is some important information to help you prepare for the new school year.

- > Supplies: On the first day of school, please bring:
 - o one large, durable, zippered pencil bag (about 7"x10")- no plastic pencil boxes please
 - o I <u>heavy duty red plastic</u> pocket folder to use as your homework folder (I will provide the label.)
 - o I set of headphones labeled in a Ziploc bag (If you have one with a built-in microphone, that would be great! We use them to record ourselves reading.)
 - o I eraser or old sock for white boards
 - I box of tissues
 - I box of gallon-sized slider Ziploc bags and I box of quart-sized slider Ziploc bags

****We will always accept donations of Clorox wipes, boxes of tissues, pencils, glue sticks, and Expo dry erase markers as well. Thank you!

- "Me Bags": To help us all get to know each other, I am asking you to bring in a special "Me Bag". Please put three or four things into the bag that you would like to share with the class. You might put in a photograph, a souvenir from a trip, or something that you made. Remember to put your name on the bag and bring it with you on the first day of school. During the first week of school, we will share our collections with each other.
- > <u>Snack</u>: We will have snack each day, so please bring a healthy snack to eat. You are welcome to bring a water bottle.

I am so excited to begin a new school year, and I hope you are, too. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. I can't wait to see you when school begins!

Fondly,

Mrs. Shinkunas