



Montessori Preparatory 2nd Grade Parent Orientation

2025-2026

Meet the 2nd Grade Teachers

Ms. Nanka

- Math
- Science
- Art

Ms. Michelle

- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Life Skills
- Music
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Ms. Fan – Chinese

Ms. Johanna – Spanish

Coach Jeff – PE

Schedule - 2nd Grade

8:30 - 9:00	Morning Routine
9:00 - 11:00	Language/Math Cycle
11:00 - 11:30	Chinese/Spanish
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch/Playtime
12:30 - 2:00	Language/Math Cycle
2:00 - 3:00	Social Studies/Science
3:00 - 4:00	Homework Cycle

- Life Skills is on Thursdays
- PE, Art, and Music are on Fridays

Extras

- **P.E. (Friday)** - Wear PE shirt on Friday; students must have a PE shirt to participate.
- **Life Skills** – The Life Skills class helps children to develop a good self image as well as a sensitivity and consideration for the feelings and needs of others.
- **Art (Friday)**–2nd grade studies all of Picasso's styles while applying the elements previously learned.
- **Music (Friday)** – exposure to the elements of music, the orchestra instruments, and some composers.

2nd Grade Planner

- Planners are a form of communication between school and home.
- Planners are checked daily by a teacher.
- Please sign the planner daily with ink.
- Your child should bring you the planner and a pen for signing.

Montessori Preparatory 2nd Grade Homework Planner Week of _____

Homework is due the following day unless specified.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling Record in Spelling Notebook Lesson # _____	*Write words 1x *Pattern Power *Meaning Mastery	*Write words 1x *Dictionary Skills *Word Building	*Write words 1x *Writing Activities	*Write words 1x *Challenge Words *Study for Test	SPELLING TEST
Saxon Math Folder	Page # _____ Side B	Page # _____ Side B	Page # _____ Side B	Page # _____ Side B	Page # _____ Side B
Sunshine Math (1 lesson per week)				Homework checked	
Morning Routine (if need to complete)	Quarter _____ Day _____	Quarter _____ Day _____	Quarter _____ Day _____	Quarter _____ Day _____	
Vocabulary Workshop	Unit: _____	Unit: _____	Unit: _____		
Other / Reminders:	Read Daily 📖				
Teacher Note:					
Parent Note:					
Parent Signature: Please discuss with child & sign that homework is done.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Language Arts

- Phonics
- Handwriting
- SRAs
- Grammar Skills
- Vocabulary
- Literature
- Creative Writing
- Morning Routine
- Montessori Floorwork
- Accelerated Reading
- Book Reports
- Reading for Concepts

Homework

- Spelling Words and page
- Read for 20 minutes
- Work not completed during class time:
 - Morning Routine - 4 per week
 - Spelling - 3 pages weekly and test
 - Reading for Concepts - 3 stories per week

Accelerated Reader

- Program for comprehension – students read a book and take a quiz on the computer. Each quiz is 10 questions. The quizzes help the teachers to know the child's specific reading level.
- Passing is 7/10. Students may take a quiz up to 3 times.
- Each book has an assigned point value.
- Goal for 2nd grade is 45 books or 30 points
- Students may take quizzes before 8:30, during Language workcycle, and during homework workcycle. Students are **not** allowed to take quizzes at home.

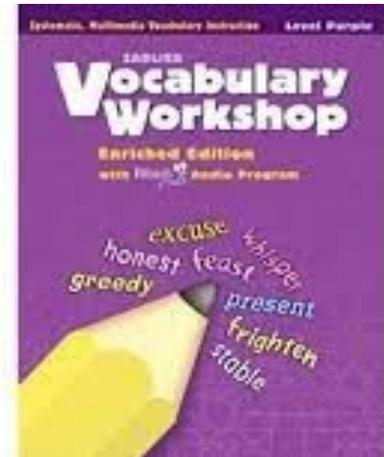


Accelerated
Reader

Classwork- Language

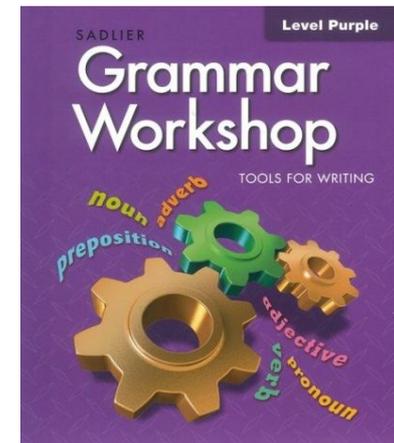
Vocabulary Workshop

- Students are introduced to units throughout the year, for a total of 14 units.
- Students read vocabulary words then complete different activities to help understand the meanings.



Grammar Workshop

- Students are introduced to various grammar concepts
- Lessons explain and model the rules and principles of grammar, usage and mechanics and then allow for practice in application of those skills



Homework - Language

● Spelling

- Sentence writing and writing activities are completed in the spelling notebook.
- One page per day, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as well as writing the words 1 time each on these days.
- Tests will be given on Friday.
- Challenge words are for extra credit only on the test.

• Writing Activities •

A person's name begins with a capital letter.

Look at the examples below.

Anna Juarez

Eddie Burns

Phu Trang



1. Write your name. _____
2. Now write the names of five of your friends. Be sure to use capital letters. _____

• Review Words •

Write the review words that have these short-vowel sounds.

/u/ _____

/e/ _____

come
said
some

• Challenge Words: Social Studies •

Use these social studies words to complete this paragraph about the early days of the United States.

Men and women from many countries came to America to

_____. They formed the first thirteen _____.

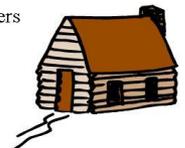
These colonies later became one _____. This new country

was called the United States of America. Many Americans lived in the South

and grew crops on a large farm called a _____.

Others lived in small houses called _____.

cabins
settle
colonies
plantation
country



Homework – Language (Cont.)

- **Read each night**
 - It is important for students to read at least 20 minutes daily to build fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary.
 - Students may read any Accelerated Reader books.
 - Go to ARBookFinder.com to make sure a test is available for any book as well as the reading level.
- **Morning Routine** – 4 pages per week (Monday - Thursday) and checked on Fridays. 2 Journal Writings per week as assigned.
 - Students are given 15 minutes daily in class, but will need to complete at home.
- **Reading for Concepts** – 3 Stories per week (Monday - Wednesday)

Book Reports

- There will be three (3) at-home book reports with the last one being a project.
- A book discussion will be held on the date listed on the handout. The book should also be tested and passed on within this time.
- Book reports templates will be given out on the discussion date.
- Students will have one full week to complete the rough draft, with the final draft due the following week.

2nd Grade Book Reports

- **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein - Book will be read and discussed in class on 9/8/25, followed by book report (will be done in class)

Please purchase the following books:

- **Marvin Redpost Super Fast and Out of Control** by Louis Sachar
Have read by 10/20/25, Rough Draft due 10/27/25, Final due 11/3/25
- **Any biography or autobiography on an African American**
Have read by 2/16/26, Rough Draft due 2/23/26, Final due 3/2/26
- **Any Newbery Medal book - PROJECT**
Have read by 4/20/26 for discussion, Project due 5/11/26

Book Reports

- The last book is a book project. There are project ideas listed on the back of the handout: diorama, poster, collage, comic strip and so forth.
- Please purchase the books ahead of time so the children have plenty of time to read the books.
- Books may be checked out from the public library, or purchased on on line (such as Amazon) or at any bookstore. Also, check with friends from last year's class.

Math

- Saxon
- Sunshine Math
- Montessori Math with materials
- Computation Tests
- Xtra Math
- Math Dictionary
- Morning Routine

Homework

- Saxon
- Morning Routine
- * Sunshine math is not homework

Homework - Math

- **Saxon**

- Part A is completed together in class
- Part B is homework
- Homework is assigned daily
- Timings
- Assessments

- **Sunshine Math** is not homework, it will be done during class

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Score: _____

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Social Studies

- Governing People
- The World Around Us
- Using Our Resources
- People Long Ago
- A World of Many People
- People in the Marketplace
- Ancient Civilizations

Historical Fair

- ? Students will choose (in class) a famous person from somewhere in the world.
- ? They will create a display board for their chosen person
- ? Project is due October 20th with the fair held on October 23rd.
- ? Information will be distributed in September.



All work is to be done at home.

Science

- Living Things That Grow and Change
- Homes for Living Things
- Exploring Earth's Surface
- Space and Weather
- Exploring Matter
- Energy in Motion

Science Fair

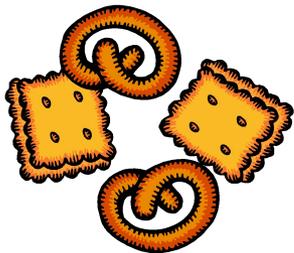
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- Students choose a topic for the experiment
- Due dates spread out, information will be sent home at the end of October
- Final experiment due near the end of February.



Friday is Pizza and Icee day!!!

- Pizza is ordered by the semester through the front office. We must have BOTH a completed form and payment.
- Any cancellations must be made by Wednesday at 1:00 pm in order to receive credit.
- Icees are sold on Fridays by the SLC for \$1.00
- Due to regulations, we are not able to give students any food without written permission on file.



→ Always remember to pack a snack for Extended Day students.



Speaking of snacks...

- Pack healthy lunches and snacks - please minimize anything containing sugar!
- Soda and candy are not allowed.
- Make sure to pack plenty of food, as the school does not provide snacks in the afternoon.



Other reminders...



- **School hours are 8:30am – 3:00pm**
- **Please arrive to school between 8:00 - 8:25am**
 - When the side gate is closed at 9:00 am, please bring your child to the front office to sign them in. Full Day students may arrive as early as 8:00 am.
 - Please line up in the parking lot across the street, then cross 53rd street to enter our parking lot. Yield to those already waiting in line and go to the back of the line. The police will give tickets if we block the roads!
- Please avoid picking up your children before 3:00 pm.
- If you are picking up your child at 3:00 pm and they are normally an Extended Day student, please call the school before 2:30 pm so that we can have them ready for dismissal.

Other reminders...

- **Please label EVERYTHING!** Often, jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, backpacks, etc. get left behind. This helps us return your child's belongings.
- **Please wear your PE shirt on Fridays.** If you do not have one, one can be purchased in the office for \$15.00.
- **Extra-Curricular activities** include Chess Club, Soccer, Gymnastics, Music, Spanish Club, and Yoga. You may sign up for clubs in the school office.
 - You may wear the club t-shirts on the day of the club.
Soccer players may wear black soccer shorts on Tuesdays.
- **No cell phones, ipads, smartwatches etc. allowed at school!**

Thank you!!!

Any questions?

