



-Back to School Night-

Mr. Jon Meyers

Second Grade

Cedar Crest Academy

20XX-20XX



Dear Second Grade Parents,

Welcome to Back to School Night! I am very happy to be your child's teacher and excited about the school year ahead of us! I realize that next to you, I may be the single largest influence in your child's life for the next ten months and I consider that to be an extremely important responsibility. I believe that students learn most effectively when parents and teachers work hand in hand and therefore I plan to keep an open channel of communication with you throughout the year. My main goal for all the students is to develop strong work habits, a sense of responsibility, and to help them strive for their personal best both academically and socially. Every student is capable and outstanding in their own way and I see it as my role to guide them to always do their best and to find their own level of personal success.

In this packet you will find information such as your child's weekly schedule, detailed descriptions of our implemented curriculums, Cedar Crest's 20XX-20XX school calendar, and other helpful pieces of information to guide you through the year. Thank you so much for attending tonight's event! This is a wonderful group of students and I am looking forward to a challenging, enjoyable, and positive year!

Thank you,
Mr. Meyers

Discussion Outline

Curriculum

This classroom utilizes both second and third grade curriculums tailored to meet each child's individual needs and abilities. The Second Graders receive Language Arts instruction through *SRA Imagine It!*, Math from both *Bridges in Mathematics* and *Singapore Math*, Science through the *CenterStage* Science program, and the Social Studies lessons are pulled from the Social Science Inquiry portion of *Imagine It!* The curriculums implemented here at Cedar Crest are described further in detail in this packet.

Homework

Homework packets are designed to provide the Second Graders with 20-30 minutes of work a night, throughout the school week.

Field Trips

The Second Graders will be taking 2-3 field trips over the course of the year. More information about dates, times, and cost will be given later in the school year. Ideally the themes of these field trips will relate to our curriculum and also vary between Language Arts, Math, and Science concepts.

Classroom Events

To promote differentiation from the Pre-Primary program of Cedar Crest Academy, the Second Graders will participate in several events specifically designed for the elementary students and families. Some examples of these events are an Author's Night, fundraising for an organization of our choice, and an opportunity to mentor our friends from the Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classrooms.

Parent Involvement

I will have many opportunities for parent involvement throughout the school year. Chaperoning field trips, stapling decodable books, and helping with class holidays and celebrations are great ways to get involved in our classroom. Starting in October, there will be two designated times per week for parent volunteering. You can contact the Parent Association for ways to be involved in the school as a whole.

Portfolios

From the beginning of the year, I will be collecting samples of your Second Grader's work to show their growth and progress throughout the school year. The portfolio will be sent home with the June progress report.

Second Grade Weekly Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-8:45	Morning Table Activity Journal	Morning Table Activity Grammar Skills	Morning Table Activity Math Skills	Morning Table Activity Reading Skills	Morning Table Activity Journal
8:45-9:00	Calendar/ Meditation	Calendar/ Meditation	Calendar/ Meditation	Calendar/ Meditation	Calendar/ Meditation
9:00-10:00	Language Arts Block	Language Arts Block	Language Arts Block	Language Arts Block	Language Arts Block
10:00-10:15	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack
10:15-10:30	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
10:30-11:15	Math Block	Math Block	Math Block	Math Block	Math Block
11:15-12:00	Library	Art	Science	Social Studies	Science
12:00-12:30	Writer's Workshop	Writer's Workshop	Writer's Workshop	Writer's Workshop	Writer's Workshop
12:30-1:00	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
1:00-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-2:15	Catch Up/Chapter Books/Review	Game Space	Cooking	Shakespeare	Special Project
2:30-3:15	P.E.	Spanish	P.E.	Spanish	Houses
3:30-3:45	Snack & Pick-up	Snack & Pick-up	Snack & Pick-up	Snack & Pick-Up	Snack & Pick-up
3:45-4:30	Vendors/ After-Care	Vendors/ After-Care	Vendors/ After-Care	Vendors/ After-Care	Vendors/ After-Care

Second Grade Curriculums

Language Arts: *SRA Imagine It!*

SRA Imagine It! is a thematic language and literacy curriculum which addresses and strengthens the core skills of successful reading and writing. In addition to core skills, the second and third grade level *Imagine It!* curriculum introduces and expands upon the following instructional areas: *Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar, and Elements of Literature*. Along with meeting all reading, writing, and communication state standards, *Imagine It!* provides an individualized approach to quality and effective language skills development. All Second graders receive approximately 90 minutes of Language Arts instruction each day.

Bridges in Mathematics and Singapore Math

Bridges In Mathematics is a thematic, comprehensive math curriculum, which facilitates the development of children's mathematical thinking and reasoning abilities by providing age appropriate problems and investigations in such areas as number, geometry, probability, data analysis, patterning and measurement. *Bridges* features a combination of whole-group, small-group, and independent activities. Lessons incorporate increasingly complex visual models - seeing, touching, working with manipulatives, and sketching ideas.

Singapore Math activities are used to enhance our math curriculum concepts by encouraging active thinking processes, communication of mathematical ideas and problem solving. These written math activities help develop the foundation students will need for more advanced mathematics.

Second graders receive 45-50 minutes of Math instruction each day.

CenterStage Science

CenterStage is a hands-on, minds-on science curriculum that allows students to learn more about science as they participate in the actual scientific processes of observing, predicting, and classifying. This curriculum provides the children with engaging, ready to use science tools and materials that maximize the instructional time and enhance their learning. All Second graders receive 45 minutes of Science once a week.

Social Studies

The Social Studies lessons are pulled from our *Imagine It!* Language Arts curriculum which provides a thematic program of Social Studies concepts. Having a continual flow from Language Arts to Social Studies submerges students in relevant information on topics such as humanities, communities, government civics, and significant people throughout history. The Social Studies instruction also includes key components such as: geography, current events, civics, and history. All Second graders receive 45 minutes of Social Studies once a week. The main focus of 2nd Grade Social Studies will be the Puget Sound.

Extra-curricular Classes

Cedar Crest Academy is proud of its extra-curricular offerings. Our students will enjoy a pull-out class for 45 minutes every day of the week. This year's pull-out classes are:

- Physical Education (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- Spanish (Tuesdays and Thursdays)