

# NEWS FROM SECOND GRADE

Newsletter #1

September 11th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! You will be pleased to hear that your lovely little (**SUPER**) second graders are off to a **FANTASTIC** start! They are working **VERY** hard and getting along stupendously! So far, we have done a lot of getting to know one another and learning the rules and routines of Ms. Caroline's 2nd grade class. We dipped our toes into the academic ponds just a bit this week and we plan to start diving deeper into our learning next week! Read all about it below!



## Math

Last week the second graders conducted their first math mission (how best to count a LOT of straws!), learned how everyone has a math brain, and practiced their math muscles with numberless word problems and open ended journal prompts! I was genuinely impressed with how well the second graders worked in groups and communicated to solve the challenging task of counting over one thousand straws. Well done, Grade 2!

## Language Arts

We enjoyed many read alouds last week focused on getting along well. We have read about tattling and warning, how to tell someone they're bugging you, and two books about being nervous on the first day of school. This week I started a longer read aloud: *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith.

We have started two second grade weekly habits: learning four new vocabulary words and studying and altering a "mentor sentence." The second graders are doing an excellent job. Today we rewrote the sentence "Mrs. Hartwell handed Sarah a piece of toast and her lunchbox." The class came up with the sentence: "Mr. Karl handed Ms. Brittany a piece of baguette and her lightsaber." Each second grader then came up with their own sentences in their language arts notebooks. They are very creative!

## Social Studies

We start the year learning about communities, rules, governments, and social change. So far we have been working hard to build our own classroom community. We have learned a lot about each other with our Three Things show and tell. We also had a lot of practice working as a team during various classroom challenges last week.

We have already started to learn about our focus global challenge: global warming! Next week we will learn about how people can make change in their local and global community.

## Homework

Your second grader is responsible for returning his/her homework by **Thursday**. **You** are responsible for looking at your child's Weekly Reflection each week and signing it. Feel free to write comments if you wish.

**Thank you** for sending your second graders well-rested and prepared (not to mention punctual) each school day. We are off to a fantastic start and we could not do it without you!

***Have an incredible weekend!***

***-Ms. Caroline***