

SECOND GRADE MRS. E. (236-1460 or bubezade@bellsouth.net)

I look forward to working with your children and thank you for sharing them with me this year. I keep you informed about upcoming events, as well as what we have done, in my weekly e-mail. Please send me your e-mail address.

We will have **language arts and math** every day. We use *Open Court* for reading which incorporates other aspects of language arts as well. In spelling we complete one chapter each week. Also additional weekly **spelling** words will come from our reader as well as from your child's own writing. On Friday there is a weekly test, which is sent home on Monday. We will begin our vocabulary series, *Wordly Wise*, during the first month of school.

I will also be assigning one book a month for a **book report**. I will use my weekly letter to keep you informed about the format each month. Written reports will not be required until later in the school year. All book reports *will* require an oral presentation. I will record these presentations on the tape included on you supply list, so that you will have a record of these reports. For variety a different creative format is used each month.. The reports will be displayed on the B.A.G. (**B**ooks **A**re **G**reat) bulletin board. Our first scheduled report is on September 3. The first report will be done in class. We write a letter to the author. The children will read any book (by a living author) for this report..

Accelerated Reader is used to build comprehension. During the first 9 weeks of school, the children should earn **4 points**. We take tests and go to the library at least 3 times each week. After the first quarter, the reading goals will be individualized.

In **math**, as we complete chapters I will send it home in the weekly packet. At the end of each chapter, evaluation is done with a posttest which will also be sent home in the packet. Please be reminded that number facts through the sum of ten (and the related subtraction facts) should be known by now. I will be sending home math drill and we will have tests in class. Speed AND accuracy are required.

Social studies will be studied 2-3 days each week. We first focus on maps, neighborhoods and communities. **Science** will be done 2-3 times weekly as well. Our first chapter is on plants. This also relates to the stories we are reading, *Come Back Jack* and *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

In **handwriting** we will work on letter formation, consistent size and spacing.

Homework is assigned nightly. I do not assign homework on Fridays. If your child has incomplete work it will be included in the packet, and should be brought to me within 2 days. Homework is written down in each child's assignment pad and we discuss it when it is assigned. The children are watched as they put all necessary material *into* their book bags. I include homework assignments in my weekly letter. Copies of the letter are sent home with the weekly packet.

I often will tell your children that parents have already been in second grade so they do not have any homework from me. You know your child. If your child needs help, by all means help. However, if your child is able to do the work independently, please allow this independence. If you want to check homework when it is completed...again, it is totally up to you. If work is done incorrectly or is illegible I will send it home to be redone, or it will be corrected in class.

I look forward to a busy, enjoyable and productive year.