



### **Getting Ready for Second Grade**

**Your child will enjoy Second Grade! Now that they have the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, most children are ready to enhance and expand their skill levels. In second grade, students review and practice many of the skills they learned in first grade. However, there are many new skills introduced, such as 2-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping. Spelling and vocabulary development are stressed as well. You will see such advancement in your child's reading and math skills next year. In order to ensure a successful start in Second Grade, I have provided some suggestions to keep your child's reading and math skills sharp over the summer.**

- 1. Read as much as possible. Reading 15 minutes, independently or with an adult, everyday this summer will help reinforce the reading skills we have worked on as well as develop fluency in their reading.**
- 2. Visit the public library weekly and take advantage of the wonderful summer reading program they have available for children.**
- 3. Work on the basic addition and subtraction facts through 18. Students will be expected to memorize the facts through 18 next year. Help your child get a head start by practicing these daily. Start slowly with only a few addition facts, then add a few more facts everyday. Continue to practice and review the facts through 10 that your child has memorized this school year. You may need to invest in a set of flashcards, both addition and subtraction. These can be found at Wal-Mart or most discount stores. You could even make your own set!**
- 4. Create a journal for your child to write in a couple of times each week. If you take a special trip this summer, have your child write about their favorite parts or activities. They could even write daily about their feelings of ideas regarding their everyday lives. Encourage writing to keep their skills sharp.**

**Remember that each year reinforces the skills taught from the previous year and builds on those skills. Second grade introduces some new and exciting skills as the children develop into more independent thinkers. Make time over the summer to work with your child to ensure they enter second grade ready to go!**