

Welcome to Second Grade!

September 9, 2011

Dear Parent(s):

Hello! My name is Chip Story and I will be your son or daughter's second grade teacher. It was very nice to see and meet many of you yesterday. I am very grateful to have Jayne DeBettencourt as my assistant again this year. This will be our ninth year together and we're very happy to be in the same room, right next to the other second grade class. Mrs. "D" and I already know many of the students from seeing them at lunch and recess last year and we're looking forward to another great year.

I've written down a few informative items that will hopefully allow us to start the school year smoothly. I'll be calling all of you next week to check in and answer any questions you may have. We'll also be having an open house on September 22nd, from 6 - 8pm. My phone number and e-mail address are on the backside of this sheet, please don't hesitate to call or write if you have any questions. I'm very excited about working with your child and we should have a great year in our beautiful school.

Sincerely,

School Times

Starts **8:15** a.m. Ends **2:40**p.m.

The school will again be using the same morning routines. Students that take the bus will proceed into the playground, while students that are dropped off will wait in the front of the school. Both groups will then enter the school at 8:15 to go to our classroom. Second graders will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:15 unless there is inclement weather.

Backpacks

Please be sure your child has a backpack for school big enough to carry a full size pocket folder (provided by us) to and from school. This folder will go home everyday with notices and various schoolwork and will carry parent/teacher communication.

Snack (10:00 a.m.) and Lunch (12:25 p.m.)

Your child will need a snack and drink for school everyday. I hope you all were able to read the letter yesterday concerning peanut allergies. Peanut products are not allowed during snack. Milk and water are available in the cafeteria for \$.50 and will be charged to their lunch account. Many parents in the past have been surprised to see all of the milk charges. If you would like your child to purchase milk whenever they'd like, please send us a quick note, so we'll know it's all right. Please try to pack something nutritious as opposed to sugary snacks and "junk food." Soda and candy are not allowed in the school. Please try to refrain from sending in food that needs to be heated and prepared. There are a

lot of second graders this year and the extra work of preparing lunches takes away from the cafeteria staff's main role.

Specials Schedule

The second grade special schedule is a bit different than first grade. We have one hour of art and two half-hour computer and music classes. I'll let you know about any changes if they occur.

Monday:	Gym *	9:30 - 10:00
	Library**	2:00 - 2:30
Tuesday:	Computer	11:10 - 11:40
	Art	1:30 - 2:30
Wednesday:	Music	9:35 - 10:05
	Gym*	1:30 - 2:00
Thursday:	Health	9:00 - 9:30
	Music	9:35 - 10:05
Friday:	Computer	11:30 - 12:00

* Sneakers (not slip-on) are required for gym on Mon. and Wed.

** Please try to remember to send in library books on Monday mornings.

Newsletter and Website

Almost every Friday you will receive a newsletter informing you about all of our accomplishments during the week and any upcoming events. The newsletter will be sent home in the folder and also will be available online at our school website.

After School Permission Slips

Children will follow the usual daily procedure for getting home unless we receive a written note or phone call, stating the new plans.

CORI's

If you'd like to help out in the class, go on a field trip or participate in any activities with us, you'll have to fill out a CORI form. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Phone Numbers and E-mail

The classroom phone number is **627 - 3316 ext. 137**. Because our day is very busy, the best time to reach us is between 7:45 - 8:15 and 2:45 - 3:15. Also, please feel free to call me at home at **693 - 5504**. You can also e-mail me anytime. My school e-mail address is **cstory@mvyps.org**