

Dear Parents,

We are already looking forward to teaching the upcoming class of 2nd graders! Our prayer is that the coming year will be one in which the students truly learn to see God's truth and become more equipped with the tools for a lifetime of learning. The following you can do this summer to prepare your child for a successful 2nd grade year...

- Summer Reading! Utilize the 2nd grade Literature List and prepare the required book report form and project for the first day of school.
- Make an effort to read to and with your child regularly. Have your child read aloud to improve oral reading skills. Focus on pausing at punctuation marks and reading with expression.
- Have your child "narrate" stories that you are reading together. Read a short passage or chapter and then have your child tell the story in his or her own words. Narration will improve reading comprehension and listening skills.
- Continue working on telling time and counting coins. Your child should be able to tell time to half hour intervals. Also practice counting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.
- Keep reviewing addition and subtraction flashcards. Occasionally "test" for speed and accuracy with written and oral quizzing.
- Practice to maintain the handwriting skills the children have worked on this year. Writing letters, keeping a journal, or writing prayer request are handwriting activities with multiple benefits!
- Work to master skills such as tying shoes, working with buttons and belts, and opening juice boxes, fruit cups and snacks on their own!
- Encourage your child to have lots of imaginative playtime this summer! So much learning occurs through cooperative play with friends. A few 2nd grade topics to motivate your child: solar system, Africa, Egyptian pyramids, trains, pioneer days, meteorology, mysteries, and much more!!!

Please know that we are already praying for our new students and for their families. We urge you to join us in asking the Lord to bless us richly next year. Have a wonderful summer!

In Him,
PCA 2nd Grade Teachers

