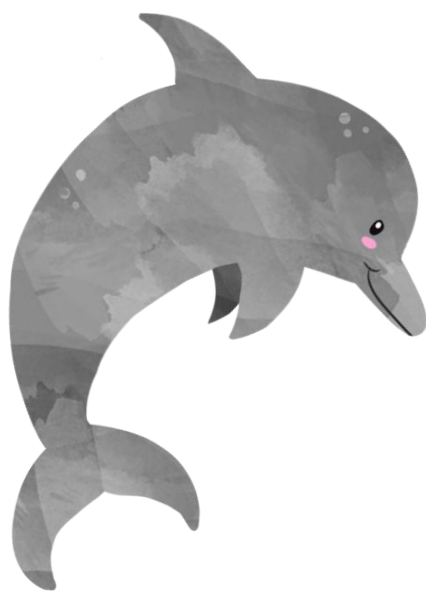


Swimming into 2nd Grade



Mrs. Herbine's Class
2019-2020

Parent/Teacher Communication

A positive home/school connection is an important part of your child's success in school. Feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is via school e-mail: Mrs. Herbine mherbine@tvsd.org. You can call the school and ask them to leave me a message or you can send a note in your child's assignment folder. Our classroom webpage that can be accessed through the district website at www.tvsd.org Just click on REC, click on teachers, and then Mrs. Herbine.

Homeroom App

The main way that I communicate with parents is via an app called Homeroom. It is free and available for iPhone or Android users. It is also available for access via the Internet. You need to sign up and then ask to follow Mrs. Herbine's class. I frequently update the app with important reminders, newsletters, and most importantly pictures!!!

Homework Folder

Homework is assigned from Monday through Thursday. Your child will be bringing home an assignment folder. The homework typically consists of an Everyday Mathematics home link and reading at least 15 minutes a night. Please read over your child's homework each night and if your child is having difficulty with an assignment please make note of it on the page.

Curriculum

Language Arts: Our Language Art Blocks include: Guided Reading, Shared Reading, Independent Reading, Literacy Opportunities, Phonics, and Writing Workshop. We follow the Lucy Calkins Units of Study programs for reading and writing.

Math: We use the Everyday Mathematics Program. The Everyday Mathematic curriculum is based on spiraled levels of understanding from simple explorations to advanced understanding of concepts and skills. Students are given opportunity for discussion, small-group work, playing games and working with manipulatives. A class

number grid will be included in your child's homework folder. Please use this daily when completing math homework.

Science: We teach science through the use of hands on science units. Second grade topics include: Solar Systems, Forces and Motion and Aquatic Habitats

Phonics: This year we will be starting the Lucy Calkins Units of Phonics program. Students that attended REC in first grade also used this program. It provides a lean and concise instructional pathway in phonics that is realistic and that taps into kids' skills and energy for tackling the fabulous challenge of learning to read and write

Technology: Students will have access to Chromebooks and iPads. They will be using the using the Internet and various apps to practice reading and math skills.

Odds and Ends

Snack: Students will be responsible for bringing in their own snack. The district has implemented a new wellness policy and only certain items are allowed for snack. Please refer to the district website for the list of approved foods. Remember, this is our mid-afternoon boost each day. Water bottles are encouraged!

Birthdays: Students are no longer allowed to bring in food related treats for birthday celebrations. Students are welcome to bring in a non-food related item (pencils, stickers, etc.) to share with classmates.

Recess/Toys: I am okay with a small toy from home if it looks like it is going to be an indoor recess day!

Specials Schedule: You can find the specials schedule on our class webpage.

**I am looking forward to a year
of learning and fun!**

