

WELCOME TO THE SECOND GRADE ACADEMY CLASS!

My name is Mrs. Buckman and I am very excited to be your child's teacher for the upcoming school year! I am planning many interesting, memorable, and fun activities this year!

Summer is one of my favorite times of the year because it gives students a chance to pursue some of their interests outside of school. A fun thing to do at the beginning of summer is to create a "Summer Bucket List". Once students have made their "Summer Bucket List", let them see how many items they can complete and check off. There are some great summer bucket lists online! Please make one or find one that works best for your family. Summer is a great time to explore, to try new things, and to have fun!

Another fun thing to do is to create a fun summer goal. Have your student think about something that they would like to accomplish over the summer. Some examples of summer goals are 'learn to roller skate', 'learn to play the ukulele', or 'read 10 books'. There are online tutorials for just about any hobby. There are also lots of educational opportunities available in our area. Here are some links to great activities that keep kids busy over the summer and will help them accomplish their summer goals:

- Rancho Cordova Parks and Recreation (There are swim lessons, summer camps, and lots of fun activities)
 - <https://crpd.com/>
- Sacramento Public Library (There is a calendar of all the events that are happening at the Library)
 - <https://www.saclibrary.org/Locations/Rancho-Cordova>
- CSUS Aquatic Center (They have lots of opportunities for kids to learn about water and safety)
 - <http://www.sacstateaquaticcenter.com/>
- The Sacramento area has many outstanding opportunities to experience culture, history, and art.
 - <http://sacmuseums.org/>

Summer can be a time when electronic usage can be a struggle between parents and kids. I found a checklist that I use for my daughters during the summer to limit their electronics usage. Here is a link to the website with the free printable checklist that I use, as well as other fun summer 'punch' cards.

<https://www.thirtyhandmadedays.com/printable-summer-rules/>

I also recommend students try and use some of their electronic device time on educational websites. These are some of the websites that we will also use in the upcoming school year. Students should be able to use their same log in from 1st grade until early July for Lexia and iReady. Most of these websites are available for free. These websites are not required but are being provided as ideas to enhance learning. Please do not feel obligated to join any website or pay for a membership.

[Splashmath](#)

[Lexia Core 5](#)

[iReady](#)

[Prodigy](#)

[epic](#)

[Scholastic Summer-palooza](#)

I am so excited to meet all of you and see your student's smiling faces in August! In order to help me get to know my new students and their families, I would really appreciate it if parents could fill out the student survey at this link <https://forms.gle/GBc724QglzfLyydV7> . This survey will help me to get to know a little about your student, as well as offer some volunteer opportunities for parents.

I have attached a suggested list of supplies listed below for your student to come to school with on the first day. These supplies are suggested but are not required. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at SBuckman@fcusd.org. I always appreciate when parents contact me with questions, concerns, or suggestions. My philosophy is that parents and teachers are always on the same team and we share a common goal...your student's success! I can't wait to be on your child's team this upcoming year!

Thank you,
Mrs. Buckman

2nd Grade Academy Supply List

These items are going to be shared with the whole class and should be brought all together in a bag on the first day of school.

- Glue Sticks 1 pack of 6 or more (the jumbo ones are preferred)
- 2 packs of Pencils (Ticonderoga brand 24 or more, pre-sharpened are preferred)
- Package of Pencil Top erasers
- Crayons-optional extra donation (24 colors)
- Markers-optional extra donation (10 colors)
- Square Post-its
- Pink or white erasers
- Kleenex

These items are for individual student use and will be kept in the student's desk.

- Colored Pencils (24 colors)
- Crayons 2 packs (24 colors)
- Washable Markers (10 colors)
- Pink or white erasers
- Blunt tip student scissors
- Personal (not electronic) pencil sharpener with attached canister to collect the shavings
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- 2 black Sharpie Markers
- 3 folders with pockets
- **Headphones for using the computers (please put these in a plastic bag labeled with your student's name, this prevents the cords from tangling up and helps the class maintain good hygiene)**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME FUN AND EXTRA SUPPLIES TO OUR CLASS, PLEASE CHECK MY SCHOOL WEBSITE OR CLICK ON THE LINK TO AMAZON FOR THE 2ND GRADE ACADEMY CLASS WISH LIST.

[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/HZ/WISHLIST/LS/D4050XKF86WE?REF_=WL.SHARE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/d4050xkf86we?ref_=wl_share)



LET'S GET READY FOR 2ND GRADE!

Listed below are some great skills to have your student master before starting 2nd grade.

Can your child?

- Count 120 consecutively?
- Identify coins by name?
 - By value?
- Name the 12 months of the year?
 - Answer problems such as: "What is the 12th month of the year?" What month is before July?
- Name the 7 days of the week?
 - Weekends?
 - Weekdays?
- Count by
 - 2's to 100
 - 5's to 100
 - 10's starting with any number? (i.e. 28, 38, 48 etc.)
- Add without a number line with numbers up to 20?
- Add double digits without regrouping?
 - With regrouping?
- Tell time to the nearest hour?
- Tell time to the nearest half hour?
- When given a number explain if it is odd or even and why?
- When given a number (to 120) identify which number is in the hundreds, tens, and ones place.
 - Find the value of each of those numbers (i.e. 4 tens is 40)
- Tie their own shoes?
- Remember their phone number and address?
- Remember how they go home after school each day?
- Listen to and follow multiple step directions?
 - i.e. first gather your toys, then put them away, next put your shoes way, etc.
- Write a complete sentence?
 - Write a 3 sentence paragraph?