

September 6, 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I am very excited to have your student in my class this year. I am looking forward to a successful year working with them and with you. In order to start the year smoothly I would like to take this opportunity to share some information about my class.

Reading/Language Arts – We will be using the reading series and other supplemental materials in Reading. Grammar and Phonics will be incorporated with Reading each week.

Word Study – There will be weekly Word Study tests on Fridays unless otherwise notified. The words for the test will be given the first day of each week. More information will be sent regarding word study after the Ganske testing has been completed.

Math – We will begin the year with a quick review, and then quickly move into second grade skills. We will be using our “Math Connects” series and other supplemental materials including many hands-on manipulative activities.

Science/Social Studies – Each nine weeks will be divided between these two subjects. These subjects will be taught in compliance with the state Standards of Learning. We will be using many hands-on activities.

Homework – Homework for your student will be a reinforcement of class work and will be assigned on a weekly basis. A homework packet will be sent home on Monday and it will be due on Friday. Your student will write their homework in their Agenda/Paper. **Please check that all assignments are completed each night, and initial at their completion.**

Signed Papers – Graded work your student has done during the week will be sent home on the following Tuesday. Please review any papers your student had trouble with. Please sign the graded papers sheet in the folder **return** to school on Wednesday.

Newsletter – I will be sending home a weekly newsletter called “What’s New in Grade 2.” It will come home on Monday and will include information on each subject for the week and other important information and reminders. Please read this each week.

Snack – Each day we will have a small snack. Children are to bring their own snack each day. All snacks should be healthy and not likely to make a mess (ex. pretzels, fruit chews, raisins, etc.).

I am excited to begin this thrilling and busy year with you and your student. I will communicate often about classroom happenings, your student’s progress, school events, and other activities. If you every need to talk with me, I am available for conferences before and after school. Please give me a call or send an email and we can set up a time (562-3007 or klowe@southampton.k12.va.us). I will get back with you within 24 hours in most cases. Let’s get ready for a great year!!

Thank you,
Mrs. K. Lowe