

# Mrs. Westra

## Jefferson School

Dear Parents,

I am delighted that your child is in my class this year. With your encouragement, your child will be a part of many exciting and rewarding experiences. This is a brief outline of what you can expect your child to learn in second grade.

### Math

- ~ Basic addition and subtraction facts through 18
- ~ Telling time to minutes
- ~ Counting money
- ~ Measurement
- ~ Number order to 1000
- ~ Geometric shapes
- ~ Regrouping (carrying and borrowing)

### Science/Health

- ~ Animal groups
- ~ Heat
- ~ Plants
- ~ Hands on Science modules:
  - Pebbles, Sand, and Silt
  - Solids and Liquids
- ~ Safety (Protective Behaviors)
- ~ Sound
- ~ Environment

### Social Studies

- ~ Map skills (directions, map keys, symbols)
- ~ Geography (continents, oceans, landforms)
- ~ Facts about the United States
- ~ Local Government (rules, laws, voting)
- ~ Economics (needs, wants, goods, services)
- ~ History of the circus

## Language Arts (Reading Language, Spelling, Handwriting)

- ~ Literature (exposure to, interest in, appreciation of)
- ~ Grammar (parts of speech, capitals, punctuation)
- ~ Writing (sentences, stories, books, friendly letters)
- ~ Word attack skills (rules and applications)
- ~ Phonics (short/long vowels, consonants, blends, etc.)
- ~ Vocabulary (new words, meanings, usage)
- ~ Speaking and listening skills
- ~ Comprehension (main idea, summarizing, sequencing)
- ~ Neatness of handwriting

We are going to have a busy and exciting year in second grade. I'm looking forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Westra

