

Welcome to Second Grade!

Yacolt Primary 2018-2019

Hello, welcome to second grade at Yacolt Primary! All of our second grade teachers are excited about the chance to work with your child during this upcoming school year! Our team is dedicated to meeting your child's social and academic needs in order to have a fun and successful school year. Throughout the school year, your child's educational skills will be challenged through a variety of curriculum that has been based on our grade level, common core curriculum standards. Assessments given are based on these standards and curriculum will be adapted to meet your child's individual needs. Our second grade team also believes in the importance of communication between both the parent(s) and teacher so that social and academic concerns can be shared freely. In developing this communication, a partnership is established that will benefit your child's education and ensure a successful school year.

Listed below is a brief description for each of our second grade curriculum areas that will be presented throughout the school year. Please look through these areas as they give concepts, strategies and activities, which will be used to support your child's educational needs over this next school year. Also, information is given about our reporting periods, technology, school website, field trips, homework, and volunteering in your child's classroom. Your child's teacher may also have a separate handout explaining specific classroom information for you to take as well. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to talk to your child's teacher as he/she will be more than willing to help you. Once again, thank you for coming to our curriculum night and we look forward to working with both you and your child this school year.

Second Grade Core Curriculum Areas

Reading:

Students will be exposed to a variety of reading strategies this coming school year to help increase their reading skills of both fiction (imaginary) and non-fiction (informational) text. Our district adopted reading curriculum, Storytown, provides a balanced literacy program providing important reading concepts as well as spelling. Reading instruction takes place individually, small and whole group to help students improve their phonetic skills as well as their reading accuracy, fluency/speed and comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction text. Students will be tested using the i-Ready assessment in the fall, winter and spring. Read Well, SOAR and Lexia programs may be used as school intervention pieces to help students who are below grade level build their reading skills. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have more questions about our classroom reading curriculum.

Writing, Spelling and Handwriting:

During the school year students will be writing continually throughout the day as writing will be integrated in all subject areas. During writing core times, students will be exposed to writing strategies to help them meet our grade level common core standards for writing. The common core standards have students focus on three styles of writing which are narrative, opinion and informational writing. During the school year, each teacher will be using our district

adopted writing program called “Units of Study”, which provides students with appropriate strategies so they can have success when writing narratives, opinions and informative pieces.

Students are given an opportunity to improve their editing skills by practicing spelling, punctuation, capitalization and grammar. Students will also continue to develop their fine motor skills and refine their printing through daily practice. Spelling practice will take place to connect writing and reading skills through our Storytown reading program and Words Their Way vocabulary program.

Math:

Math will be presented during intervention and core math times. During intervention time, students will review and practice previously taught concepts. During core time, your child will be presented with math concepts aligned with 2nd grade common core learning standards mandated by the state. Some of the important learning standards that 2nd graders are expected to master by the end of the year include:

- Understanding place value in numbers to 1000
- Fluency with addition & subtraction facts to 20
- Using place value concepts to add and subtract two and three digit numbers
- Telling time to 5 minutes
- Identifying and solving problems involving money
- Estimating, measuring and solving word problems involving length using metric and U.S. customary units
- Solving problems involving two and three dimensional shapes
- Collecting, organizing, representing, & interpreting data in bar and picture graphs
- Exploring early concepts of multiplication using equal groups

Science:

In science we will use our district adopted FOSS units that we cover throughout the school year. Our science time is an exciting time where students have a chance to learn new concepts, and gain an understanding of the investigative process. The areas of study that we are covering this school year are listed below.

Physical Science

Life Science

Earth Science

Social Studies:

In social studies we once again integrate our reading and writing skills in learning about specific grade level social studies subjects. These subjects are listed below for you to see.

Classroom Community and Friendship (Fall and throughout the school year)

Community of Yacolt- (Fall/Spring)

Federal History-throughout the school year (Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents’ Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Memorial Day)

Semester Reporting:

During the school year, Yacolt Primary will be having two semester reporting periods to update parents on their child's progress. This year we will be using a standards-based electronic report card linked to the Skyward reporting system. We will continue to use this program for primary schools in our school district and it will support teachers when reporting standards' progress two times during the school year. The first will be at the end of January and the second reporting time will be at the end of the school year in June. This electronic system is a wonderful way for teachers to share student growth and support common core learning goals using technology.

Technology and School Website:

Yacolt Primary is a school committed to educating students in how to use technology to enhance their learning. During the school year, each second grade teacher will be integrating technology into various curriculum areas to support common core learning standards. Basic computer skills and internet safety will be presented throughout the school year using our school's Chromebook computers. Various online programs supporting our reading and math standards will also be available for students to use at school and at home if technology is available. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any specific questions about how your child will be using technology during the school year.

Our school also has a website that can be found on the internet linked to our Battle Ground Public School District web page. If you have internet access, please feel free to use the district page as well as our own Yacolt Primary page which provides important information, documents and email opportunities. During the school year, more items will be added onto our school site, including classroom web pages so keep checking in to see what is new at Yacolt Primary!

Practicing at Home:

Throughout the school year, it is suggested that students practice at home to support their learning. Please help support your child's learning efforts by helping them be accountable learners and providing time at home to build their skills. Practicing 15-20 minutes a day with reading, writing or math will help increase your child's skills and confidence levels in curriculum areas. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Field Trips:

During the school year we have field trips to support curriculum areas. We are limited to how many trips we can take due to transportation costs. Some money might be needed from students for these trips. Dates have not been set, but information concerning trips will be shared through notes and classroom newsletters.

Parent/Teacher Partnership:

All of our second grade teachers value the wonderful skills and knowledge that parents have. We would like to welcome you into our classroom at any time during the school year. Our teachers have a variety of volunteer activities that support the students in the classroom. Volunteering in any form is greatly appreciated! Please contact your child's teacher if you can volunteer and check in our school office to register with the correct paperwork if you have not done so already. Remember it doesn't take a lot of time to make a difference!

Now is the time to review your parent Volunteer status. This paperwork must be completed by all volunteers whether they volunteer in the classroom or are a chaperone for a field trip. It can take up to two weeks to process paperwork so make sure it is turned in early so you can be a Yacolt volunteer!

Thank you for your time! We appreciate all that you do for your child to help them be successful learners. Helping your child to have good attendance habits, to come prepared to learn and to be accountable for their actions, will contribute to greater academic success. We look forward to a great year and we will try to help and assist you in any way we can.

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