

# We're Going Back To School



Dear New Second Grade Student,

I am so excited to be your teacher this year. I love teaching second grade and I have many exciting things planned for us to do together.

*Math:* Since math is all around us.... you will sharpen up your mental math skills as we explore addition and subtraction strategies to get ready for **MULTIPLICATION & DIVISION!!!**

*Science:* You may already know that second grade science includes many interesting insects including: mealworms and butterflies. I never thought I would enjoy having insects in my class so much, but they are so interesting to watch and learn about. You may have heard rumors about how I love tarantulas... well it is true! In addition to the insects, we have a tarantula, named Nibbles.

*Social Studies:* Our class community is a very special because it is made up of unique individuals joining together for a school year. Together we will share our cultures and heritages as we learn about the many cultures around the world and how they are similar and different from our own way of life.

*Writing:* You will write many different pieces this year including: about yourself, things you like to do, creative stories, things you are an expert on and things you want to know about. You will publish many pieces including your very own All About Book. In fact, please bring a favorite recent picture of yourself for our first book titled, All Star Students. I treasure this book each year because I keep it to read about and remember my students throughout the years.

*Reading:* Last year you learned so much about how to read BUT second graders learn how to understand what they are reading to build more knowledge in their own brains!! I think one of the best parts of second grade is reading to all of you. I especially look forward to reading my favorite chapter books to you. I hope that you will enjoy meeting all of my favorite characters from the stories I love, as I read to you.

On the first day, I'll meet you at the back door in our line. I'll have a sign with "Mrs. Lusk" written on it so you know where to stand. Enjoy the last days of summer and get ready for the SUPER year ahead of us!

Fondly,  
Mrs. Lusk

