We are very excited to meet you! We have lots of special activities planned when you get to second grade in September.

We will learn about different types of communities, and about life cycles of animals and plants. In math, we will work on our basic facts, practice ways to add and subtract large numbers, and so much more!

We read and write about a lot of books in second grade. To get ready for the challenges ahead, we are asking you to read and create a book response from one book. We would like to offer you several of our favorite titles to enjoy. These titles include: Sammy the Seal, Henry and Mudge: The First Book, or Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds. The option of choice is important in reading. If you would like to select a different title, you may choose from the $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade book list or choose a book of your own and enjoy!

To show off all your hard work reading this summer, we encourage you to choose one of the following projects for your book response:

- Book report poster (Author, title, setting, and sharing of the most important parts of the book should be included. Be sure to write neatly. You can also include drawings or internet images. Be creative and colorful!)
- Diorama of your favorite part of the book (Label with the name of the book, the author and what the scene is showing).

Please bring your completed project to school before September $26^{\text {th }}$.
We hope you will read other books this summer, too. We encourage you to use the $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade book list to guide you in choosing some additional books to help you grow as a reader and thinker. There is also a Reading Log to record the books you read. Please bring the log to school during the first week back. If you read five books or more, you will get a certificate of participation and be eligible for a special prize!

Enjoy your vacation! We will see you on September $5^{\text {th }}$.
Sincerely,
The Second Grade Teachers

