

June 2008

Dear Second Grade Parents,

Welcome to Second Grade! We are excited about having you and your child “on our team”, and look forward to sharing a wonderful year with you, beginning on Wednesday, August 20. Our theme for this year will be “Underwater Explorers”, where students will be diving into an exciting school year! Students will learn about sea creatures and their environments, through creative activities related to literature, science, mathematics and social studies. In Social Studies classes, children will explore the globe, learning about the continents, countries, oceans, and their own communities. This will expand their understanding of their relationship to the world around them. Science classes will examine and classify different types of animals. In addition, students will study various ecosystems around the globe, gaining an appreciation of how living things depend on one another. The children will also take an introspective journey, observing and noting the small moments in their everyday lives, using their writer’s notebooks to record their thoughts and observations. Integrated throughout the curriculum is a strong character development program, in which we incorporate the values of respect, responsibility, and appreciation for the diversity of our community and the world.

Our grade will provide all school supplies; therefore, your child is not required to bring any additional supplies from home. If your child brings a lunchbox, please label it prominently on the outside, with your child’s first and last name for easy identification.

Students are required to follow the University School dress code. This includes University School monogrammed polo shirts from a variety of vendors (long/short sleeves, assortment of colors), monogrammed outerwear, and chino/twill walking shorts, slacks/skorts, from outside vendors. Please refer to the Parent-Student Handbook for complete guidelines on dress code. ****This year, please include a green uniform shirt in your child’s wardrobe. Students will be required to wear the green shirt on all field trips.****

Another important communication is our weekly, updated homework website, located at <http://uschool.nova.edu>. Click on Quick Links and scroll down to Homework Hero. You and your child can easily refer to all teacher assignments, test reminders, long- term projects, as well as a calendar of events.

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, August 19, at Lower School Orientation. We are sure our students will enjoy their year of discovery and will grow in their respect for all living things.

Sincerely,
The Second Grade Team