



2nd Grade Newsletter

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Hello 2nd grade parents,

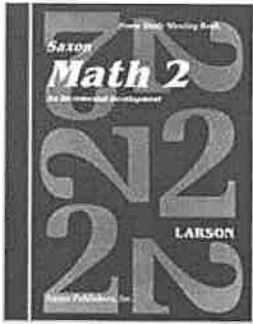
Well we are off to a great start in the 2nd grade. Here are some notes of importance. We are so appreciative of the partnership between home and school in this virtual learning time. Thank you for bringing in papers twice a week. It is helpful to get papers that often so that we can assess your child and correct/help reteach concepts which were difficult for them.

Reading Update

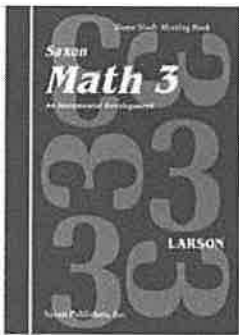
- **Reading Mastery 2** (Mrs. Duesterhaus's Class) is progressing. Please practice finger pointing with your children every night. Their finger should be directly under the word they are reading. This helps with fluency. Please continue to have your child read to you every night. My expectation is to sit alongside your child so that you can be certain that they are not skipping/adding or changing words. If they do, just tell them their error and have them repeat the sentence that they made the error. Keep upbeat and the children will remain upbeat as well. Congratulate them for working so persistently after a particularly hard sentence.
- **Reading Mastery 3** (Mrs. Campshure's Class) The students are progressing along nicely. We will begin using a reading bookmark as soon as you pick it up with corrected papers. I'd like you and your child to read at least one page of the next day's story together. They are welcome to read more if they want. After this reading, please sign the bookmark under the number of the story that you read. Also coming up, the students will be required to spell answer choice words correct. Answer choice words are words that are listed with the question or are listed in a vocabulary question. I have told the kids this and I will be pointing those questions out on homework for a week. We will start this at the start of 2nd quarter. I will give the students a week to get used to this and I will remind them each day. After the grace week, I will mark them incorrect.

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Math Update -



Saxon 2 (Mrs. Campshure) - The lessons may seem a bit easy for your child now but they will progress in difficulty very soon. I appreciate the time you have each taken to work on the homework with your child. Please remember to sign the back of the fact practice and follow the directions for checking. You need not time the fact practice unless the directions specify a time limit. Math fact knowledge is a building block for success in Math. Please remember to practice math facts at home. Using the computer program Xtra Math will help your child learn math facts and will time them.



Saxon 3 (Mrs. Duesterhaus) - The children have been doing well in math class. Please have your child always complete the Guided Class Practice if for some reason we do not finish it in class or your child is absent from class. Some parts are done orally so not everything will be written. Facts remain the key to success at this math level. If possible, they should be signing on XtraMath every day. Remind your child to not to get "tricked" by double direction problems and to always put the date on their homework page.



History/Geography: We will study the American Revolution this month. Students will review prior knowledge. They will study the Constitution and learn why it is the highest law of our land. James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution" and the significance of his place in history will be discussed. The month will end with the students talking about Government by the consent of the governed: "We the people."

Literature: For poetry this month, we will be reading the story, *Peter Pan* by J. M. Barrie.



At An Insect Party

Science: - We will finish our insect unit with a focus on life cycles and metamorphosis. Second graders will also study two social insects: ants and bees.