

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have just completed our first day together and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to second grade. We have been busy getting to know each other and establishing rules and routines. Already I can tell that we are going to have a great year.

A question that I am often asked is, "What can I do to help my child?" Next week I will start sending home their Homework folder each night with the week's assignments. Please take the time at night to review the homework folder for messages, papers from school, changes to or additional assignments. Included in the folder will be the week's spelling words and reading vocabulary. Please spend a few minutes each night practicing these words and vocabulary meanings. Read with your child and practice addition and subtraction facts. I have found this extra practice to be a great benefit in mastering weekly skills.

You will also find a weekly behavior graph called My Card Graph in the homework folder. This graph will chart for you and your child how well they are making behavior choices. They have several opportunities to change improper behavior every day. Each day we start out fresh with opportunities to make good choices. I would like you to initial these graphs on Monday nights, showing me that you have seen them. You will find a chart for your child's behavior, this week, stapled to this note. Please sign and return.

Most of the supplies that your child needs will be supplied by me or the school. I am asking each child to bring a box of Kleenex to school so we will be prepared for cold season. I would also ask each child to bring in three folders to be used as Homework folders: one red, one blue, and one green. I would like them to be these three colors for each child so I can easily identify them. They should be the kind with the three fasteners in the middle to hold three-hole punched papers. Glue sticks, scissors, pens, highlighters, markers, or rulers that your child brings in will be collected and labeled with their name and kept in baskets for their use. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school or e-mail me at kgubler@fairhavenps.org. I am available most days before and after school. I look forward to meeting you at Open House.

Sincerely,
Kristin Gubler

P.S. For Thursday, please bring in a Pringles can, paper towel or toilet tissue roll (just the empty roll or can.) We will be making time capsules with them.