

Second Grade News

June is the month of beautiful weather and frantic teachers trying to tie up loose ends and still manage to keep students focused and in the work mode. For me, the best part of June is realizing how my second graders have grown so much since the first day of the school year. They have grown physically, emotionally, and mentally. They are ready to move on. I'm not so sure I'm ready to let them go. This happens every year and I just remind myself that come September, there will be a whole new batch of students, new challenges, new learning experiences, and every single day that is never the same. This happens every year and after 24 years, the feeling is always the same.

It was a great joy to watch my students blossom into such good keyboard players. Every Tuesday, I accompanied my students to the music room and watched Mrs. Wackerbarth do her magic. It was just amazing!

Recently we continued with the tradition of the second and fifth grades removing the old flags from veterans' graves and replacing the old with new flags. It was an unbelievable hot day, but there were no complaints from anyone. Students were so respectful. It was interesting to watch children stop and read headstones so quietly. Many found some of their relatives. What a great connection for our students with the community.

I wish to thank Mrs. Duggan for all her years of service that included copying papers, listening to students read, and even providing learning materials.

Mrs. Ann Smith has volunteered for many years. She listened to second graders read and praised and greatly encouraged them. Thank you Mrs. Smith!

Since her retirement, Miss Lynn MacFarland has volunteered weekly and helped those students who may have need just a little extra push. This is deeply appreciated.

My room mother Mrs. Laferriere has been invaluable in organizing classroom parties. Thanks to all my parents who worked with me to make sure that all of our students succeeded.

I wish all of my students and their families a happy, safe, and peaceful summer. I encourage my students to read every day, practice math facts, and work on their cursive writing!

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