



# Our Class News

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Mr. Olson's 2nd Grade

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## WELCOME TO MR. OLSON'S 2ND GRADE

### Set your calendar

- Aug. 21st -Back to School Night -meet teacher 6-7:00pm (5:30)
- Parent Meeting with Mrs. Gonzalez in Cafeteria)
- Aug. 22 -Please have all school forms returned
- Aug. 29th – Teacher inservice (NO SCHOOL)
- Sept. 1st—Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)



### Reminder:

If your child is absent please call the school or send a note to let us know why they were absent      - -Thanks !

I have created a web page for our class where your child's work will be posted for you to read. Please be sure to check out all the information on our site. This site will be updated monthly so be sure to check it often! Web address is listed at the bottom of this page.



### Welcome new 2nd graders

I want to take this opportunity to welcome each and everyone of you to our classroom. This is your place to learn and grow in many new ways this year. We are going to be a community of learners that will help each other in every way possible so that everyone will feel welcome in this class. I encourage you to do your best and promise you that you will learn a lot this year!!!!

### Information cards

Several notes were sent home this last week. If you haven't yet, please read, fill out and return as soon as possible. The Current Health Information card is the most important. This is needed in case of emergencies. Please make sure you have a second or third contact person in case we can't reach you.

### CHICKEN FARM

A city slicker moves to the country and decides he's going to take up farming. He heads to the local co-op and tells the man, "Give me 100 baby chickens." The co-op man complies. A week later the man returns and says, "Give me 200 baby chickens." The co-op man complies. Again, a week later the man returns. This time he says, "Give me 500 baby chickens." "Wow!" the co-op man replies. "You must really be doing well!" "Naw," said the man with a sigh. "I'm either planting them too deep or to far apart!"

### The Key to success

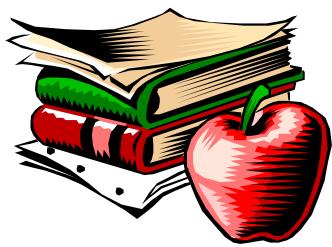
This year promises a lot of learning. With your help at home (*reading each night with your child*) your child will show great improvements this coming year. With an extra 15 minutes a night reading or writing (above their normal homework time) you ***WILL*** see a difference.

Several times this year I will be sending home book club orders. This is a great way to build up a home library of books they can read.(and a cheap way to do it.) There are always books that cost less than \$2.50 each. Your child will also have many chances to bring home books from school to practice with. Please make sure these are returned the



next day because these are always used in the classroom.

*Please feel free to call me at school between 8am-3:15pm if you ever have any questions. 730-7798 I will return your call as soon as I can. You can also e-mail me anytime at:  
[flyingpigs2@hotmail.com](mailto:flyingpigs2@hotmail.com)*



# A WORD ABOUT READING

Dear Parents,

The reading patterns you establish at home directly influence your child's ability to do well in school. Here are a few suggestions:

## **TIME OUT FOR YOUR CHILD**

Studies show that parents spend as little as fifteen minutes a day talking, listening and reading to their children. Yet, it is exactly these activities that encourage a child to read. Make sure that you take time out each day to communicate with your child.

## **READ TO YOUR CHILD**

The very best way to help your child become a good reader is to read to and with them at home. The more children read, or are read to, the better. Books are not the only things to read. Encourage your child to read cereal boxes, street signs, catalogs and magazines.

## **READING AND WRITING**

Teaching a child to write, helps them to read. Keep pencils, paper, chalk and crayons on hand. Young children can learn to form letters and then words. This gives them the opportunity to practice the relationship of letters and sounds. Very young children can dictate to you or an older child. It's also fun to have children write letters to friends and family.

## **QUIET TIME**

The work done in school is reinforced with homework. This gives children time for study and practice. It is very important to set a time for homework and to provide a quiet place where they can do their work. Remember to keep on top of your child's work and stay in touch with your child's teacher.

## **LIMIT TELEVISION**

Most children spend hours in front of the television and only minutes a day reading. Set a time limit on television watching and replace it with quality reading time. When television is permitted, follow it with family discussions.

Learning doesn't start or end at school. The more we can work together with reading, the more successful your child will be.

