

Dear Parents of incoming Second Grade Students,

We were so delighted to have your children in our classroom this year and are looking forward to the 2019-20 school year with them! Along with this letter we have enclosed materials needed to complete the required summer work assignment.

There is a set of **multi letter phonogram cards** (numbered 27-72) in your packet. These are to be used "flash card style"....You hold up one card at a time, so that your child sees the **large font letters** on the front while you see the back side which contains directions for speaking.

It is important that the children say the sounds exactly as they appear on the back of the cards because, as your children might have told you, we do this in unison as a class. Even though most of the students know most of these phonetic sounds, it is best to start your summer routine with you reading the exact sound sequence on the back of the card and your child repeats after you. This ensures that the children are speaking the same sounds in the same order that we have been practicing throughout this past year.

As your son demonstrates fluency, you may stop saying the sound first and just hold up the card for him. If he maintains the fluency acquired this year and you want to add extra reinforcement, you can have your child write the letters, without seeing the card, as you make the sounds on the back of the cards. Again, it is important that you speak the sounds as they appear on the back of the flash cards. This consistency that we have established throughout first grade is very important to maintain. Mastering these phonetic sounds in reading and spelling is a big part of the curriculum. Your summer work together will definitely get your child off to a great start to the new school year!

The other documents in this packet are a **Reading Log and Book Report form**. Your son is required to read three books from the *Nate the Great* series and complete one book report form- (if they would like, they may complete the other shorter book report form as well for any other books read this summer). As you will see on the reading log, please record books that your **child reads to you** as well as all books **you read to them** while they follow along silently. Learning to be a proficient reader has many components and reading aloud to your children is key to their success. It builds vocabulary, trains the eye to move left to right, models good voice tone and inflection and develops a love for reading -- and of course, reading together quickly becomes a cherished time for parent and child ☺. When you read to your child, try to use a variety of sources (fiction, non-fiction, picture books and chapter books). This variety is important in building vocabulary and attention span.

The children are to bring the enclosed **flash card deck, completed reading log and book reports** on the **first day** of school. We hope you have a restful yet fun summer and pray for God's blessing and protection on your family!

Mrs. Raymundo & Mrs. Re