



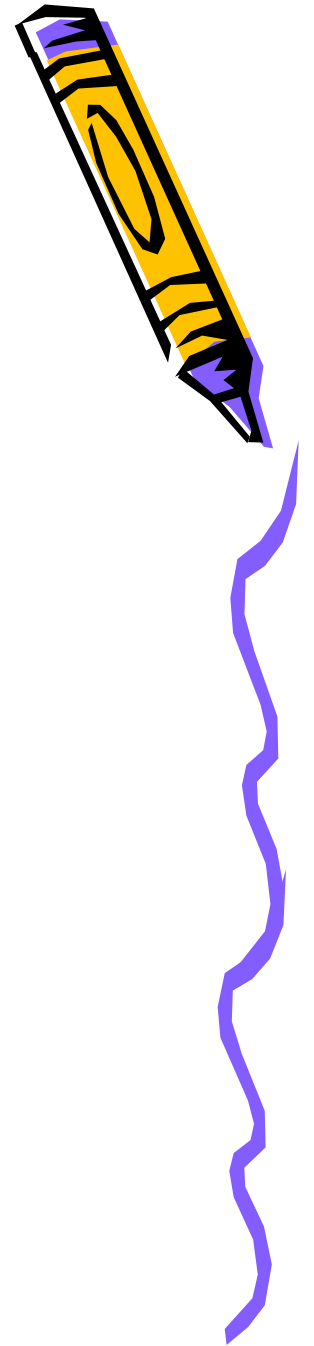
Curriculum Night Mrs. Eich

Please write a letter back to your
child. They love to hear from you
the next day!



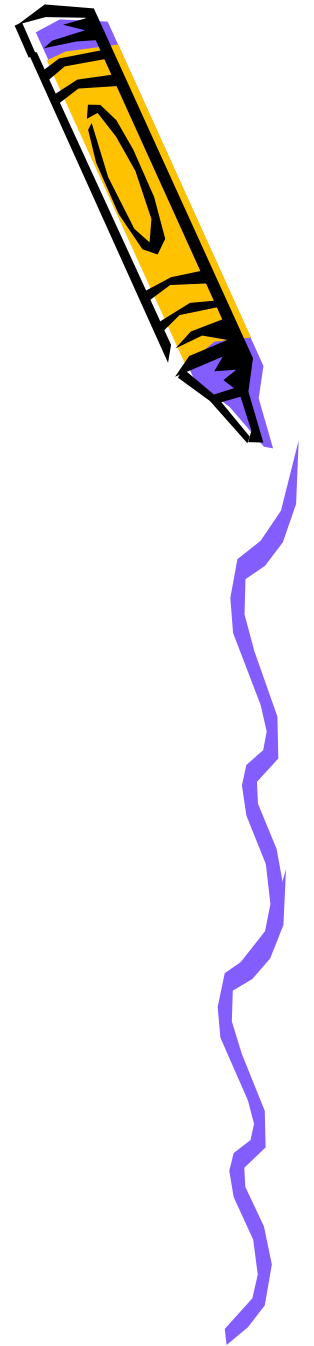
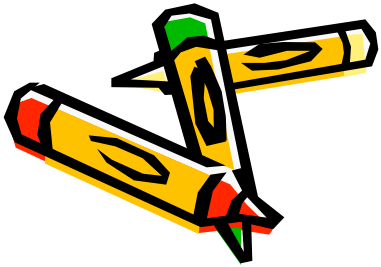
Introduction

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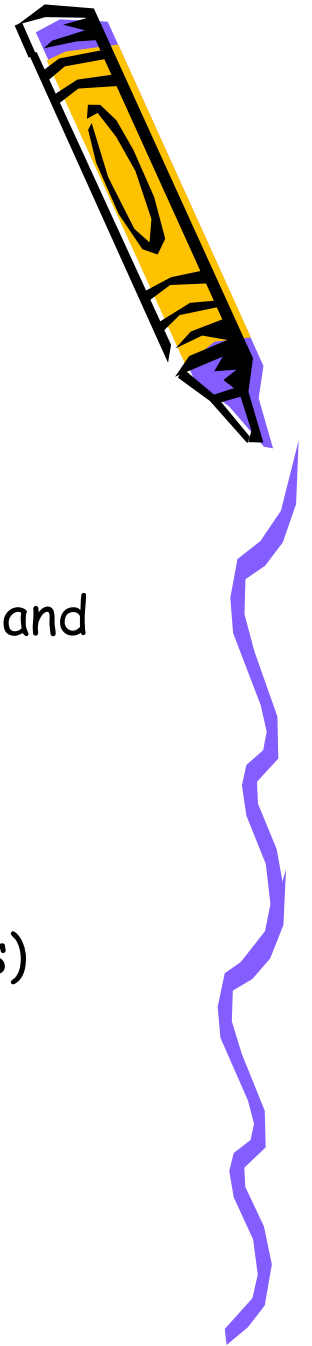
Basics of 2nd Grade

- Reading
- Guided Reading
- Spelling
- Writing
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health



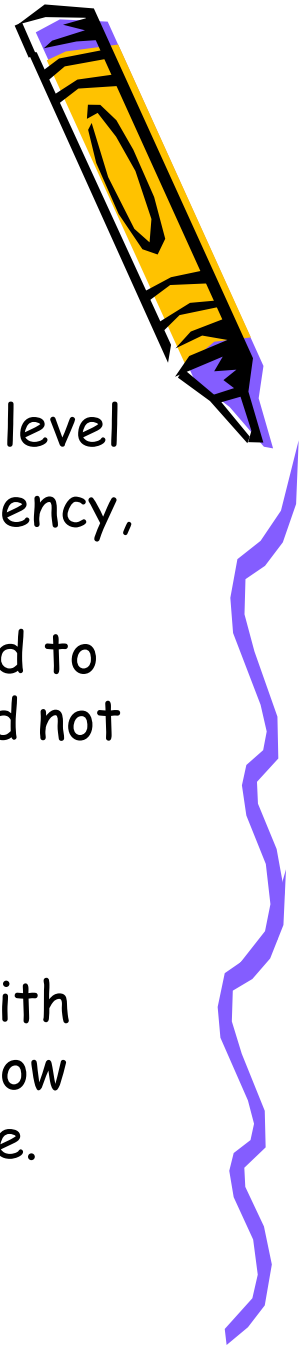
Reading

- Whole class instruction
 - Basal series
 - Covers comprehension, grammar, decoding, fluency, and phonics (word families)
 - Phonics tests on Fridays
- Reading Assessments
 - Given after every reading unit (about every 6 weeks)
 - Tests focus on vocabulary, phonics, grammar, and comprehension skills



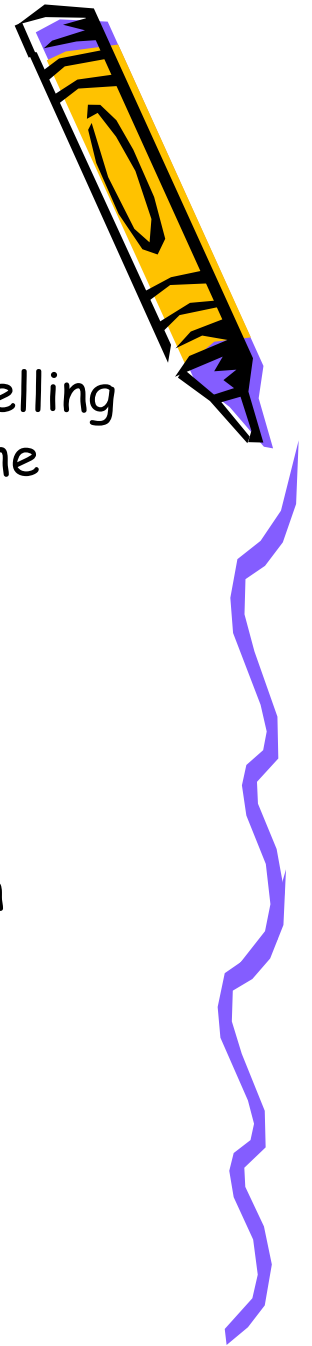
Guided Reading

- Small group instruction at each child's instructional level
- Work on improving vocabulary, phonics, decoding, fluency, and comprehension skills
- Guided reading books will be sent home for your child to reread. Please listen to your child read. They should not only be able to read most of the words, but also comprehend the information.
- A green sheet will also be sent home with the book. Please sign the sheet and have your child return it with the book on the due date. By signing the sheet, I know that your child has read the book to an adult at home.



Spelling

- We're emphasizing the importance of learning high frequency words, not memorizing words for a test. Spelling words are used throughout the year and not just for one particular week.
- 5 new words per week
- 5-7 review words per week
- Evaluated through word tests, sentence dictation, and writing
- Word tests given on Thursdays and sentence dictation on Fridays
- I've attached a list of spelling words students will be tested on throughout the year.



Writing

- 6+1 Traits: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, and Presentation (See attached sheet)
- Focus on one trait at a time
- Whole class instruction - modeling and sharing examples of writing activities
- Guided writing - peer conferencing, teacher conferencing, small group writing, and sharing pieces
- Encourage your child to write at home - send letters to family, write stories, send letters to a pen pal, etc.



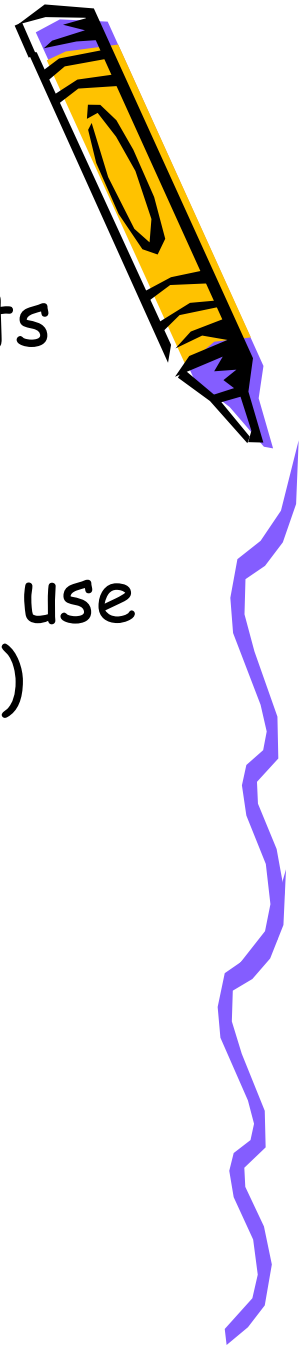
Math Topics

- Topic 1: Understanding Addition and Subtraction
- Topic 2: Addition Strategies
- Topic 3: Subtraction Strategies
- Topic 4: Working with Equal Groups
- Topic 5: Place Value to 100
- Topic 6: Mental Addition
- Topic 7: Mental Subtraction
- Topic 8: Adding Two-Digit Numbers
- Topic 9: Subtracting Two-Digit Numbers
- Topic 10: Place Value to 1,000
- Topic 11: Three-Digit Addition and Subtraction
- Topic 12: Geometry
- Topic 13: Counting Money
- Topic 14: Money
- Topic 15: Measuring Length
- Topic 16: Time, Graphs, and Data



Basic Math Facts

- Memorize addition and subtraction facts to 18
- Mad Minutes
- Encourage your child to practice daily - use flashcards, make a game (See attached)



Science Social Studies Health

- Science: worms/soil, dinosaurs, light and stars, matter, magnets, butterflies, and chicks
- Health: brain, germs, muscles, heart, and skin
- Social Studies: culture, geography, history, economics, and citizenship
- Grouped together on report card
- Participation grade



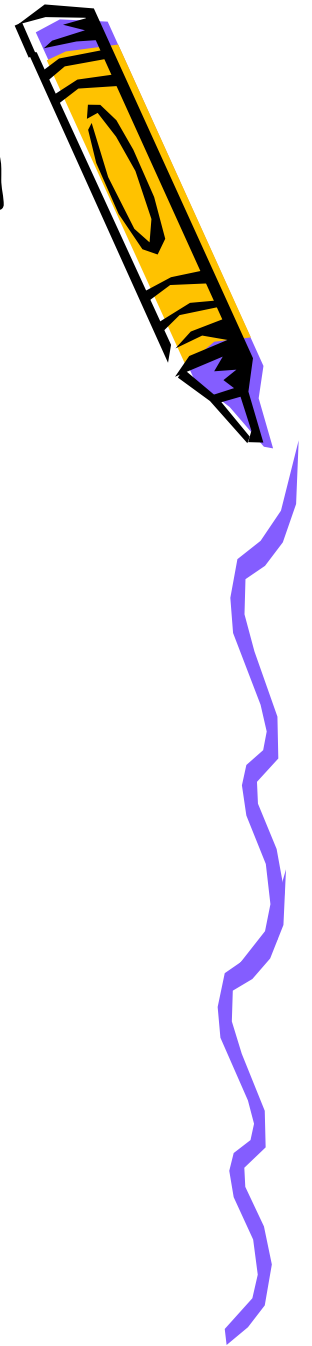
Extensions



- Identification of TAG (Talented and Gifted) students does not begin until 3rd grade.
- Our philosophy at Benson is to meet children where they are at and enhance their educational needs from that point.
- We still create and offer extension activities.
- Extensions are ongoing and connected to the wide variety of classroom curricular areas.
- Heightened expectations for those children who have shown the ability to extend classroom activities occur on a regular basis.



Response to Intervention (RtI)



- See attached letter



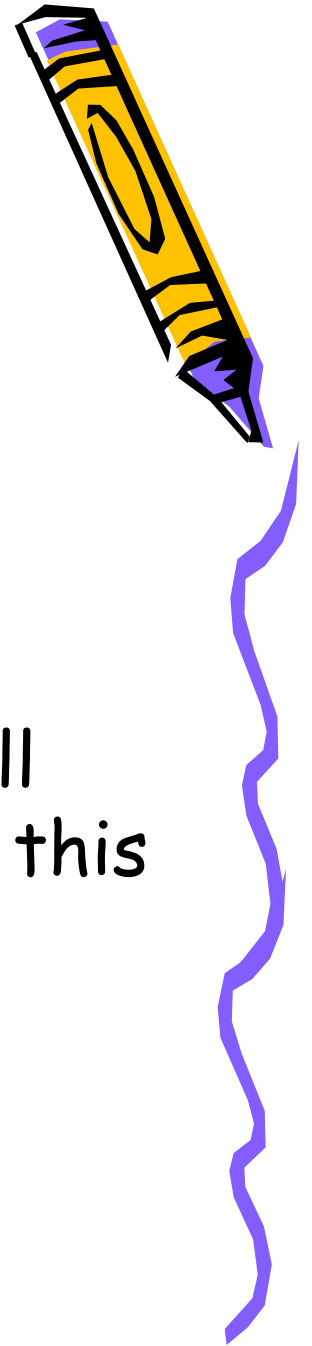
Homework

- Given Monday through Thursday
- Weekly homework note sent home every Monday on dark pink paper (also posted on website)
- Assignments are written on their orange “Homework Machine” inside their take-home folder



Grading

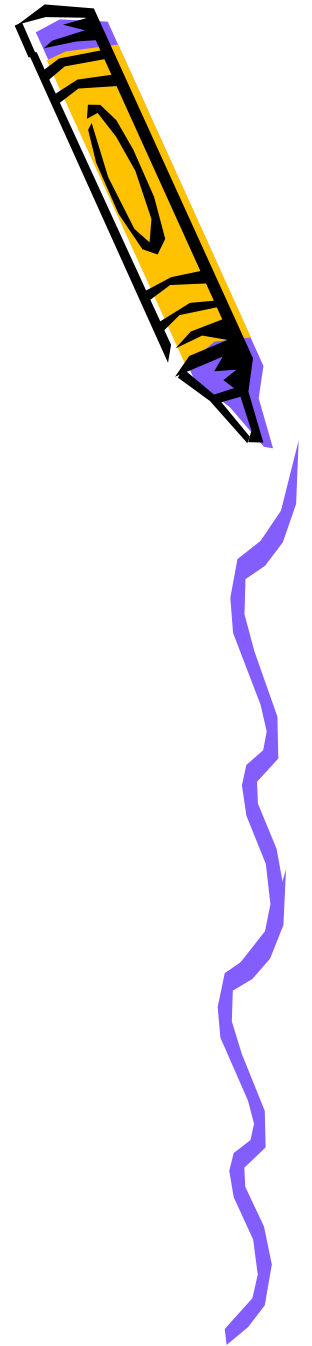
- 3's = more than acceptable
- 2's = acceptable
- 1's = less than acceptable
- You and your child should be proud of all 2's and 3's. If your child receives a 1, this is an area that needs improvement.



Specials Schedule

(Posted on website)

- Mondays - Library and Computer Lab
- Tuesdays - Music and P.E.
- Wednesdays - P.E.
- Thursdays - Computer Lab and Art
- Fridays - Music



Miscellaneous

- Second grade website - www.itasca.k12.il.us/benson/facultypages/second
- Snack time - please send a healthy snack
- Birthdays - you may send in birthday treats/trinkets at your convenience.
There are 22 students in this class.
Invitations may be distributed at school if there is one for every member of our class or one for each child of the same gender.





Feel free to contact me regarding
specific questions or concerns about
your child.

Thank you for coming. Don't forget to
sign up for parent/teacher conferences
in the foyer.

