



September 3, 2018

Dear Families,

We had a wonderful first week of second grade together! Thank you to all of the families that made donations to the classroom. They are greatly appreciated and I couldn't do it without all of your support!

I will periodically be sending "Mrs. Ryan's News" via email. Please let me know if you would prefer to opt of these emails, if you have another email you would like added, or if you would rather have a paper copy! Below please find more information about our upcoming week.

Papers to be on the look out for this week:

★ **Class Dojo Sign Up**

This week I will begin to set up Class Dojo for the 2018-2019 year. This is a program that I have been using for the past three years. Class Dojo can be used as a behavior (students can gain and lose points for positive and negative behaviors) and communication system. It is also a great way for parents to see HOW their children are doing in the classroom and WHAT they are doing each day. It is a simple and effective way to share photos, important information and message one another. When you receive the paperwork in your child's home/school folder, please download the app and complete the necessary steps in order to be connected. Last year we had 100% participation (including some grandparents too!!). If you have any questions or reservations, feel free to reach out!

★ **Hopes and Dreams**

Thank you to the families that have already completed the Hopes and Dreams forms. If you have not sent this back, please be on the lookout for a new form in your child's home/school folder.

★ Reading Log

Starting this week students will be expected to log their reading each night. This includes being read to, reading to someone, independent reading and electronic reading. At the end of the week students need to sign their reading log and have an adult sign their reading log.

Academic Overview:

Subject	Lesson/Theme	Objective	
Math	Numbers All Around Number Lines and Partner Principles Math Tools	★ Exploring whole numbers as lengths on a number line from 0 ★ Represent numbers by solving addition and subtraction problems on number lines ★ Use math tools the right way	
Reader's Workshop/Daily 5	Introduction to the various workshop stations during Daily 5.	★ Management and routine ★ Growing independence and accountability ★ Building reading stamina	★ We begin the year with a reading stamina goal between 15-20 minutes each day and build up to 45 minutes by the end of the year! ★ If you would like more information on Daily 5, let me know!
Writer's Workshop	What makes a good personal narrative?	★ Students begin the immersion process and to understand characteristics of a good personal narrative. ★ Students to use mentor texts to generate story ideas	

Important Dates:

- ★ Wednesday, September 19th (PPS Photo Day)
- ★ Thursday, September 27th (PPS Open House)