



Dear Second Grade Parents,

We hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying these precious summer days. We look forward to welcoming your child into the second grade this fall. We can't wait to get to know all of our students!

One of the most important things you can do to prepare your child for second grade is to provide lots of opportunities for reading. Your child made wonderful progress during first grade, and you don't want those gains to be lost over the summer. Therefore, we encourage you to read, read, read with your child!

We have selected one special book for your family to read together. Alma, and How She Got Her Name tells the tale of a little girl who is curious about her very long name. With the help of her dad, Alma learns the story behind her name and discovers just how special and perfect it is. After reading together, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child about his or her name. Every name is given for a reason, and names are a very important part of our identity! Please help your child write a few sentences about the story of his/her name. (See the writing prompts in the letter below that is written to your child.) We look forward to sharing name stories this fall!

We hope that you enjoy all the wonderful pleasures of summer.

See you soon!

Warmly,

The Second Grade Teachers



Dear Second Grader,

We can hardly wait to see you this fall! But until then, you have the wonderful season of summer ahead of you! Summer is filled with many exciting adventures such as swimming, hiking and backyard barbeques. We encourage you to set aside some time each day for reading, too. There are many great adventures to be had right inside a book!

We have chosen one particular book for you to read. It is called Alma, And How She Got Her Name, by Juana Martinez-Neal. In this book, Alma discovers the special meaning behind her own (very long) name. After you enjoy this story with your family, we would love for you to share a little bit about your own name - after all, it is special, too!

Please write a short paragraph and be ready to share it when we return to school. You can use these ideas to get started:

*What is the story of YOUR name?*

*Who named you and why were you given your name?*

*What meanings does your name have for you?*

*Why is your name JUST RIGHT for you?*

Enjoy your summer; we'll see you in the fall!

Love,

Your Second Grade Teachers