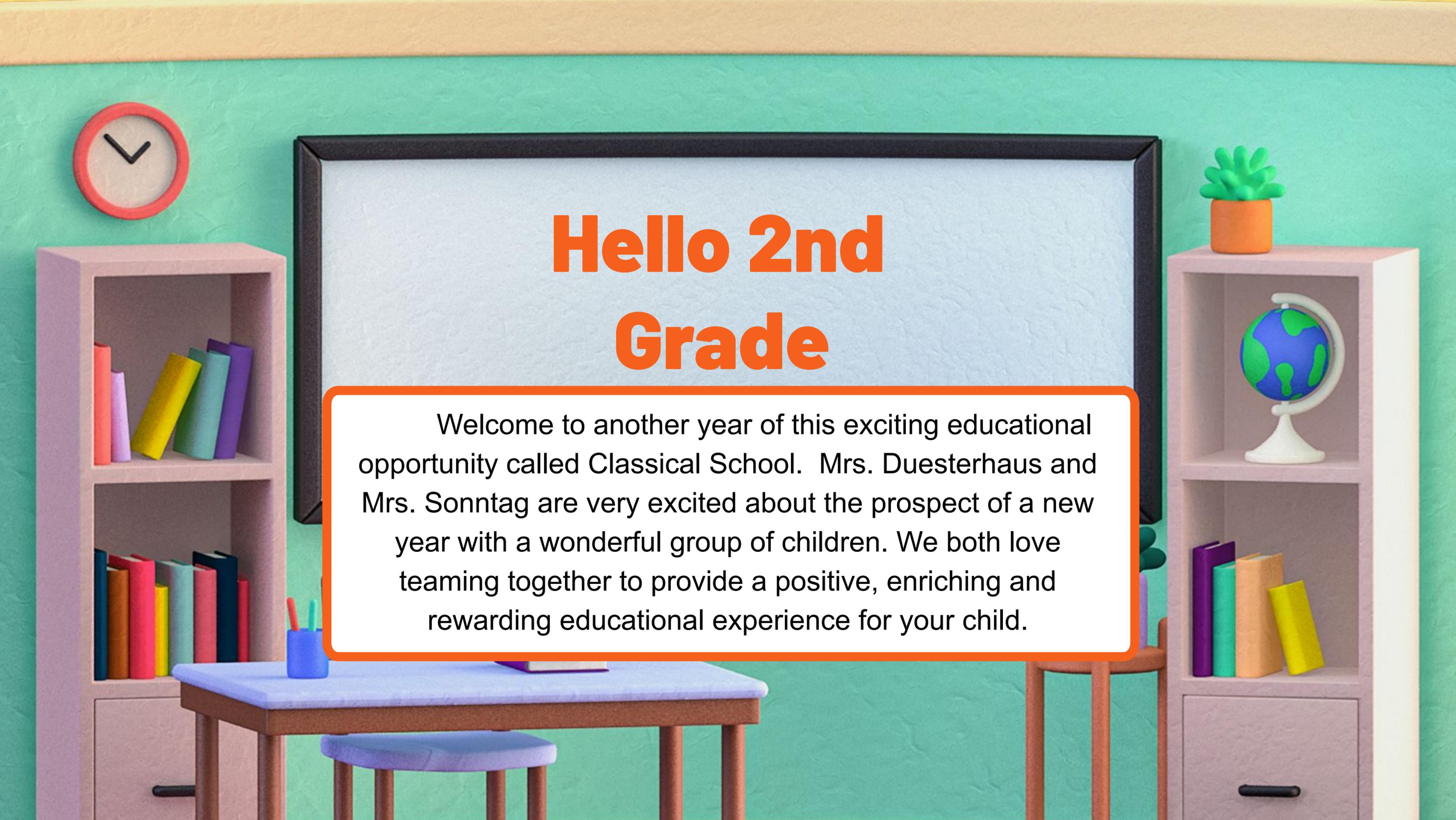


Classical School 2nd Grade Newsletter

September



A vibrant classroom scene with a teal wall. In the center is a large whiteboard with a black frame. To the left, a red clock is mounted on the wall above a pink bookshelf filled with colorful books. In the foreground, a wooden desk with a purple top and a matching stool is visible. To the right, another pink bookshelf holds a globe, a small green cactus in an orange pot, and more books. A white text box with an orange border is centered in front of the whiteboard.

Hello 2nd Grade

Welcome to another year of this exciting educational opportunity called Classical School. Mrs. Duesterhaus and Mrs. Sonntag are very excited about the prospect of a new year with a wonderful group of children. We both love teaming together to provide a positive, enriching and rewarding educational experience for your child.



New for 2nd

Homework **Graders**

Math, reading, and spelling assignments are recorded in assignment notebooks every day. Parents are to sign assignment notebook every night and have students return the following school day. If you have a questions or comments, feel free to write in the assignment notebook because it is checked right away every morning for signatures – thus providing a valuable communication tool between home and school.

2nd graders should have about 20 minutes of homework on average. Some nights will be more and some will be less. We also will provide the students with a daily 15 minute study hall. If homework is exceeding 20 minutes on a regular basis please let us know so we can help problem solve with you

Information

Monthly newsletters, school calendar of events, lunch menus, school supply lists, school handbook can be found on the web at www.classicalcharter.com

Importance of math facts

A foundation in the basic math facts is so essential. Please make it a priority to practice these at home with your child throughout the year.



Importance of reading with your student each night

It is important that you read with your child every night. For this reason, your child is expected to read a passage from today's reading lesson. Please initial each night, so we know it has been complete



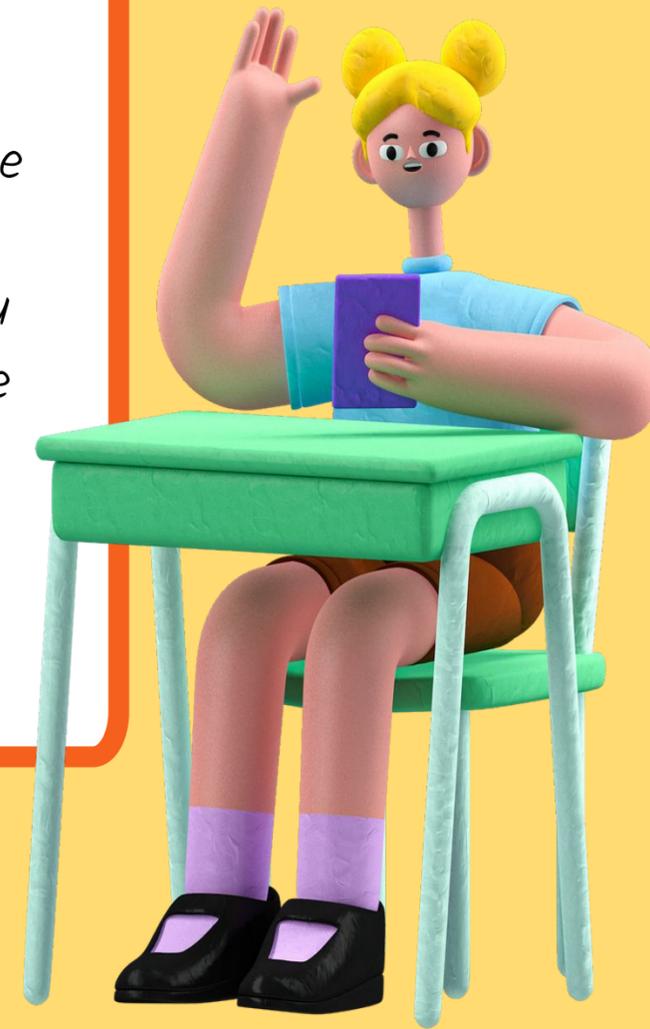
Reading and Math

Late Work Policy

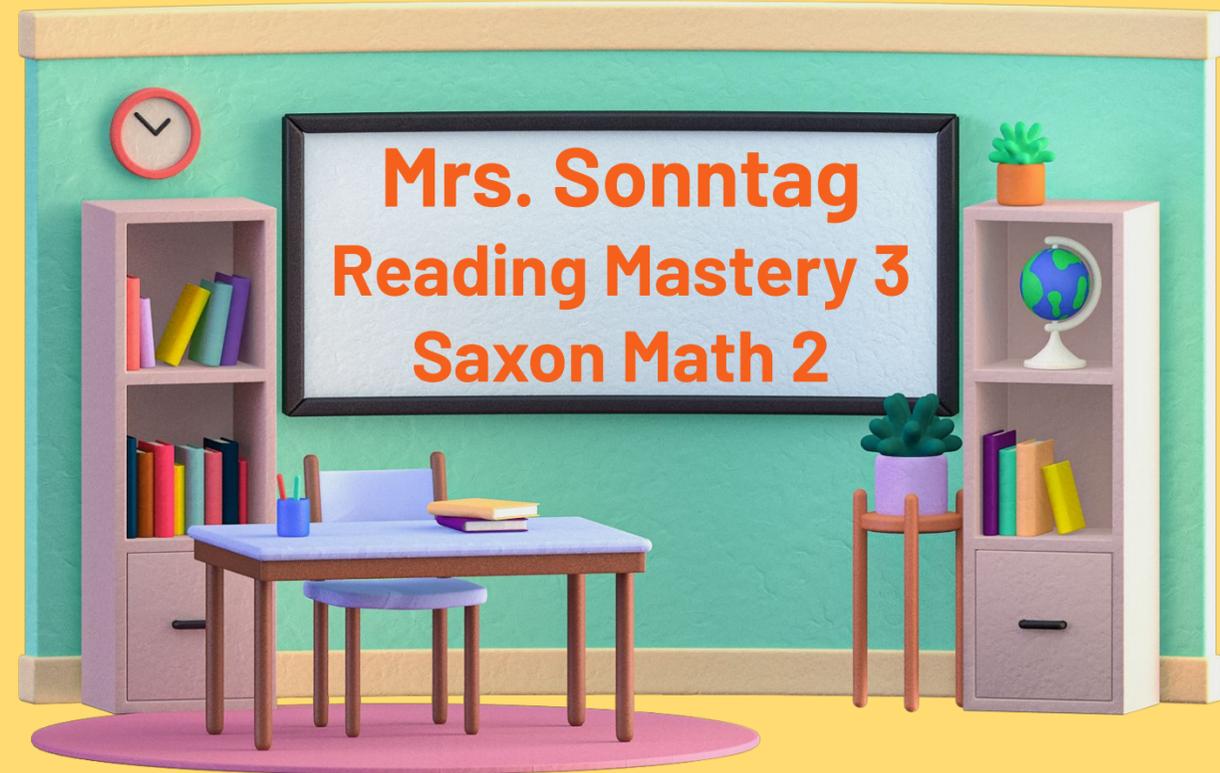
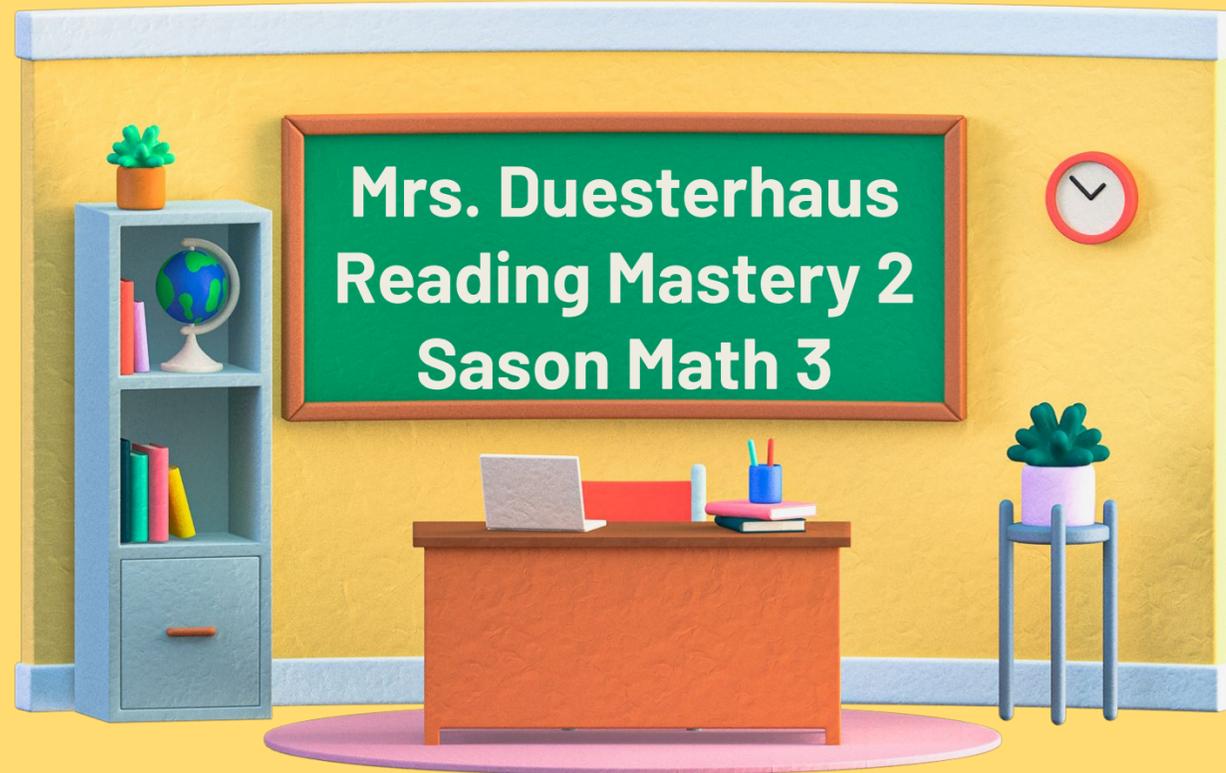
- Unless indicated, homework is due the next day.
- Please help your child stay up to date on their homework - it is much less stressful for them.
- If a student does not turn in their homework when it is due, they will remain in for one recess to try and complete the assignment. The remainder will need to be completed at home.
- Homework that is over a week late will become a zero and the student will remain in for recess until the assignment is completed.
 - They are still expected to finish their homework so they can learn from each assignment that builds on the previous lesson.

Absences

- If your child is absent from school due to illness, we will place their work in the office for pick up at the end of the day. Please help them complete whatever they are able to.
- When your child has a planned absence, we would be happy to gather work and send it home before you leave. Please notify teachers directly to arrange homework pick up. Students will have one week from the day they return to complete their homework.
- Additionally, when they return, they will also be getting current homework to finish - This can become overwhelming.



Classroom Expectations



Reading Mastery: Reading expectations will be shared with families during the first week of school.

Math Saxon: Math expectations will be shared with families during the first week of school. Remember practicing facts is very important!

Spelling: We will be sending home a spelling list. You will be receiving a spelling list for our entire year. Please keep this at home and before a test have your child quickly practice their spelling words. Tests can have any words from the lesson we are currently on back to our first lesson. The kids will have a spelling test every 5 lessons.



Things We Will Be Studying in September

Science

We will have two science classes a week in our classroom along with a fifty minute STEM class. We are excited for the students to have the opportunity to experience STEM in a lab room.

History

We will be studying the countries of India and China this month. We will begin with a look at India and what a civilization actually means, focusing our study upon the Indus Valley. During our study of India we will also learn about the Ganges River, Hinduism, Buddhism and Buddha and the festival of Diwali. We will end our study of India learning about King Asoka. During our study of China we will be talking about the Great Rivers, the Great Wall and about Emperor Chin Shih Huang Ti (yes we do know how to pronounce that name - we looked it up!) We will also learn about some of China's most famous early inventions and end the unit with a study of the Chinese New Year.

Literature

We will be reading *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White which is a favorite of the children and teachers. Other stories which complement our study of China and India include: *The Blind Men and the Elephant* (a fable from India), *The Magic Paintbrush* (a folk tale from China), *The Tiger, the Brahman, and the Jackal* (a folk tale from India).

**Here's to a Super
start to the school
year!!**



2nd Grade Spanish

This month, your child will be reviewing what they previously learned (greetings, numbers, age, asking/answering about names, colors) and numbers 1-20.