



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to second grade! My name is Nicole Matregrano, and I am so excited to be returning for another year in this fantastic grade with so many amazing students. I've been with Meadowbrook for 5 years, two as the Librarian and I'm now moving into my fourth year as the 2nd grade teacher. Before that, I was a teacher and Head of Faculty at a Kindergarten center in the United Arab Emirates. I hold a Masters degree in Elementary Education from Temple University. Prior to my time in the Middle East, I traveled extensively for 10 years. Some things I enjoy doing in my free time are traveling, gardening, skiing, swimming, and nature hikes. Most importantly, my husband and I are the lucky parents of an 8 year old boy, Yasin.

Some of the curriculum highlights of the second year consist of the Apple Festival, Star of the Week, parent career talks, career dolls, Meadowbrook Post Office, and more. A few field trips will include Styer's Orchard and The African American Museum of Philadelphia. This year will be filled with new adventures in developing their reading, writing (including cursive), problem-solving, and Social-Emotional learning. With my travel experience, I also take every opportunity to introduce students to new cultures as well. We will be building on skills taught in first grade. My main form of communication is through the Seesaw app, but send emails occasionally for more pressing issues. I am confident this will be a fun and positive learning experience, full of adventure and learning. I am excited to take this journey into second grade with your children!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to getting to know your children and helping them succeed in any way possible. If you have any questions, concerns or requests, please feel free to contact me at nmatregrano@themeadowbrookschoo.org.

Respectfully,

Nicole Matregrano (aka Mrs. M)



Dear Second Grade Families,

I am so excited to be your child's teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Please make sure your child has the following school supplies ready for the first day of school. I look forward to meeting your child and giving them the best ever start to school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Matregrano

2nd Grade Back to School Supply List	
Labeled backpack	5 spiral notebooks
Labeled water bottle (everyday)	1 pack Post-it notes
Labeled lunch box (if using)	6, pocket folders
Small Pencil bag, optional (no box, please)	Paper towels (classroom use)
One highlighter	Tissues (classroom use)
Washable markers (in labeled Ziploc)	Headphones for Kindle use, labeled (no ear buds, please)
Crayons (in labeled Ziploc)	Sanitizer wipes (classroom use)
Box of No. 2 Ticonderoga pencils	1 large glue stick
2 Sharpie, thin tip	2 rolls of clear Scotch tape
1 Sharpie, regular tip	1 large glue stick
Colored pencils (optional)	1 dry erase marker

INCOMING 2ND GRADE SUMMER WORK

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer, my hope is for your child to maintain the skills learned this past year and strengthen their knowledge base by reviewing new concepts.

I will be putting a summer packet online for your child that they can work on throughout the summer. The packet will include material that their 1st grade teacher feels will help them in 2nd grade. If you prefer a ready-made resource, I strongly recommend the Summer Bridges series to review a lot of the material from first grade to second. You can purchase the workbook through Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

There are a few online resources that your child can utilize over the summer. My favorite ones include: ABCYa, Epic! (Use their accounts from this past year), Fun Brain, PBS Kids, Smithsonian Learning Lab, and Wonderopolis, National Geographic Kids, and the CoolMaths4Games app.

In addition to reviewing concepts through the Summer Bridges series workbook and online resources, I am asking that your child reads **at least one book**, draws a picture of a scene from the book, and write 4-6 sentences about what the book was about and why they liked it. It is my hope that you will encourage your child to read as many books as possible over the summer. By reading together, as well as discussing books read independently, reading can be a very pleasant experience for your whole family.

The book reports are due the first day of school. We will all enjoy sharing our favorite books with each other the first week of school.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Matregrano

SUMMER BOOK REPORTS

Please answer these questions on a separate piece of paper in paragraph form. Use 4-6 sentences for the paragraph. You may write neatly or type up your answers about your book.

Please make an attractive cover for each book that includes the title of the book, the author's name, and your name.

Opening Sentence (1): Open your paragraph with a sentence that 'hooks' the reader or captures your audience's attention.

Detailed Sentences about the book (3): Write a sentence for the beginning, middle and ending of the story.

Opinion Sentence (1-2): Share your opinion about the book. Did you enjoy it? Do you recommend it? Why?