

## SECOND GRADE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT



Monday through Thursday, your child will bring home an Evening Entertainment (EE) assignment for that day. We assign approximately 40 minutes of Evening Entertainment daily (15 minutes of which is reading). In addition to these daily assignments, students are responsible for logging nightly reading.

Evening Entertainment is given to reinforce, extend, and enrich the curriculum taught at school, to maintain the home-school connection, and to foster a love for literature. EE may also include test preparation activities (study skills), hands-on activities, or even research assignments.

Evening Entertainment is also intended to support your child's development as an autonomous organizer and time manager. Please be sure to involve your second grader in the planning for long-term projects. This may take the form of book reports, data collection for science experiments, or information gathering through a variety of media for a research project. Support your child by making suggestions and observations that he or she may miss without such guidance, but remember, you already experienced the second grade; it's your child's turn now!

### SOME POINTERS ON ESTABLISHING GOOD 'AT HOME' WORK HABITS

1. Help your child prepare an "Evening Entertainment supply box." Use a large shoebox and place in it items such as crayons, colored pencils, scissors, paste or glue, paper, pencils, and perhaps even a kitchen timer or clock. Make this a special container to be used only for EE.
2. Set aside an appropriate time and place for your child to work at home. Help only as much as is absolutely necessary. Support your child by encouraging her/him to strive for quality in content and appearance, but please do not do the assignment for your child.
3. Take time to discuss what happened at school that day, to look at papers, and to have your child explain what he/she did. It might even be fun to let your child play "teacher" and instruct you on something he/she learned at school. The recital of what happened during a school day can be a very beneficial experience for your child and for you.

The Evening Entertainment log shows the day on which the assignment is to be completed. It is brought to school the following day in your child's Evening Entertainment folder, which should come to school with your child every day. Try to return any forms or response sheets in the folder as quickly as possible. Please assist your child in taking good care of her/his EE folder.