

**Dear Parents,**

Your child will be participating in the following English Language Arts units of study this quarter:

**The Wild West  
Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends****Reading Literature and Informational Text**

Students will ask and answer questions about a story based on the words, pictures and sentences in the text and then retell the story and identify its central message. Students will describe characters. They will also identify the main topic of an informational text.

**Reading Foundational Skills (Word Knowledge and Fluency)**

When reading grade level text, students will read with purpose, understanding and expression, and will self-correct errors and/or re-read as necessary. They will read and write words with long vowels and add suffixes to words. They will also learn and use new words and phrases.

**Writing**

Students will write to explain a topic including facts and definitions about the topic and ending with a conclusion. With support from adults and peers, students will improve writing by revising and editing. With a group of their peers, students will research topics, answer questions by recalling information from research, and put their findings in writing.

**Listening and Speaking**

Students will participate in conversations with peers and teachers about second grade topics and texts. They will speak in complete and understandable sentences.

**Language (Conventions of Standard English)**

When writing, students will use adjectives and adverbs appropriately when speaking and writing. They will capitalize and spell known words correctly as well as use commas in their writing.

**Handwriting & Keyboarding**

Second graders are expected to maintain legible manuscript on lined paper with proper proportion, size and spacing. This quarter, they will continue practice writing words, sentences and paragraphs in manuscript. When using the keyboard, students will practice using the home keys as they practice typing words. They will learn to use the shift key to capitalize and use the space bar to place spaces between words.