



Welcome to Second Grade!

2021-2022 School Year

I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year! As we move into a more "normal" school year, we are keeping some of the online programs to use in class and at home as part of our best practices. As we are well aware, there are a multitude of online supplements available to the public, and the sheer number can be overwhelming! Our goal last year was to find a few really good supplements to use both in class and at home to maximize learning without overwhelming parents, teachers, or students with too many websites. Below, you will find the name of a website or app that we are using to enhance learning as well as a brief description of how we will be implementing it in class. Here's to a bright, happy, and safe school year!

Online Programs

SeeSaw

- This is the learning module that will be implemented for grades K-3 instead of Google Classroom. The program is geared to be more child-friendly. There is a parent app to download where you will be able to see your child's work and progress. We will be practicing how to use this program during the first week of school as a whole group before occasionally having independent work in class. I do NOT plan on assigning homework on SeeSaw without first discussing it with individual parents.



Savvas

- This is the online component for our math and science programs. This website will be used as needed to reinforce math/science concepts and standards through videos, games, and online assignments.



Wonders

- This website will be used as needed to reinforce English Language Arts/Reading concepts and standards through videos, games, and online assignments.



XtraMath

- This free app will be used as needed to reinforce math facts skills through games or online assignments.



Epic

- This free website has age and level appropriate recommendations that can be customized to your child's interest. Teachers can track progress and assign a variety of books, videos, and more to grow your child's skills and grow his or her curiosity.

Orientation Information

Daily Schedule

7:30-8:30	Religion
8:30-9:30	ELA
Restroom Break at 8:45	
9:30-10:00	Recess
10:00-10:45	ELA
10:45-11:15	Lunch
11:15-12:10	Math
12:10-1:00	Special
1:00-1:20	Math
1:20-2:00	Daily Class
2:08	Dismiss

Specials Schedule/Daily Class

Day 1

Special: Music

Daily Class: Health (Quarter 1)

Enrichment (Quarters 2-4)



Day 2

Special: Library/Technology

Daily Class: Science



Day 3

Special: Art

Daily Class: Writing



Day 4

Special: Physical Education

Daily Class: Social Studies



Day 5

Special: STEM

Daily Class: Scholastic News

Please note: on your child's PE day, they will come to school in the gym uniform.

My main method of communication is through my email (ellen.hunker@sjs-amherst.org). While I do check my messages on my phone, I am usually able to respond quicker to an email. I do not use other methods of communication, like Remind, for my classroom.

This year, instead of sending home even more forms for the parents to fill out, we are having the parents fill out important information via Google Docs. This document answers important questions such as how we can contact you and should not take much time. To access the form, please go to

<https://forms.gle/caNFQCorbdWSYZWRA>

or you can access the form by going to my class webpage and clicking on the resource tab.