

# GIBSON'S GRADE 2

01/04/18



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Welcome back.*

**The Lost Art of Math Fact Memorization.** Since your 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have a solid understanding of the concrete nature of addition and subtraction, we are going to spend the next few months focusing a few minutes a day on fact memorization. Memorizing math facts helps students to build a base for higher-level computation, solving problems quicker and with ease. For Christmas, your students received addition flash cards from me to help them get started. The calendar that went home today will help them to track their fact practice and lists the goals for January. The class will be starting with addition facts, and students will move into other computations (in the coming months) based on mastery. Fact practice doesn't have to be dull! Sure, you can keep them in the car so kiddos can practice during drive times, but you can also play fact card WAR (flip, solve, highest sum wins), post a fact of the day on your refrigerator and find ways for your kiddo to show (7 grapes + 6 grapes = 13 grapes), roll a die twice and find the sum...there are so many ways to help kids memorize!

**Auction Basket.** Auction Night is coming in March and each class donates a basket for the bidding! 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade's theme is Gardening. A blue half-sheet info/idea paper went home in your child's zipper pouch before the break and one is also located outside our classroom door. Donations related to the gardening theme are welcome in the classroom anytime, but we asked they be dropped off no later than Friday, February 8.

**Looking ahead.** Please mark your calendars for these important dates in January:

January 18 – Spirit Day: PJs

January 21 – MLK Day – Campus Closed

January 31 – Passport Testing

### Next Week's Memory Verse

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:19

## Next Week's Spelling List

*Pattern ch/tch/wh Words*

child  
church  
chosen  
preacher  
lunch  
reach  
watch  
match  
pitcher  
what  
while  
which  
where  
when

*High Frequency Words*

write  
something