Welcome to Fun in Second Grade

The second-grade Center for Gifted Studies teachers are looking forward to having you in class next year! In fact, we want to offer some enrichment opportunities, pieces of advice, and some sneak peaks of what you might see next school year!

**Below are some enrichment & learning opportunities you could check out over the summer.**

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| Explore the outdoors:   * Use your 5 senses to explore nature * Step out of your comfort zone and try something new like camping or kayaking * Create a rain gauge and chart the weather over a weeks’ time. * Gather different rocks/shells & categorize them based on their texture, shape, size, color, etc. * Research and start a compost and write about it * Get creative and draw something new out of chalk on the sidewalk |
| On the town:   * Brainstorm was you can help your community (be a change maker) * Find a little library near you and exchange a book or two then read your new book * Go to a theme park, choose your favorite ride and research how it works. Create a booklet of your findings. * Explore a local treasure like: sunken gardens, Chihuly museum, great explorations, or the clearwater marine aquarium and SCAMPER (or change) in some way to improve |
| At home:   * Play board games (logic/puzzles) with your family or friends * Be creative!!! Create the tallest tower you can out of recycling materials * Bake something together and discuss the fractions of each measurement * Arrange a play date with another incoming student * Start a vision board for your goals in 2nd grade * Find a coding program online to explore coding * Practice your math facts (addition/subtraction/multiplication/division) & continue your reading adventures * Learn to type and practice for the incoming school year |

**Sneak peaks of what next year could include:**

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| **Critical & Creative Thinking Activities**   * STEM and Team Challenges * F.F.O.E. tasks (Fluency, Flexibility, Originality, and Elaboration) * SCAMPER tasks * Inventions * Brain Teasers and logic puzzles * Year-long creativity tasks | **Gifted Projects**   * All About Me Pizza * Book-O-Ween * Thanksgiving Family Float * President’s Day Cube * Earth Day Project * Incredible ME |

“Be respectful to your peers!”

“Always follow directions.”

“Demonstrate Midtown C.A.R.E.S.”

“Never give up.”

“Always try your best.”

“Be kind to others!”

**What advice do our current second graders have for you?**

“Keep a growth mindset.”

“Hard work pays off.”

“Two wrongs don’t make a right.”

