Mrs. Royster's 2nd Grade Class:

Dear students and families,

Welcome to our second grade website! I am delighted to have the opportunity to teach your child this school year. I appeciate the support you have given. A parent's support at home is a crucial part of you child's ultimate success in school.

Of course, please feel free to contact me at anytime. I do believe a strong communication between teacher and parent is imperative for the success of our children.

Sincerely, Nicole Royster

Major Concepts Taught in Each Subject Area:

Reading- Journeys is our Core Reading Program. The students will identify characters, plot, and setting from many genres, and they will learn many skills: vocabulary, comprehension, grammar, locating information using dictionaries, table of contents, glossaries, etc. The other reading program is called Reading Mastery. Reading Mastery is a phonics-based program that is systematically sequenced to present practice and repetition of reading skills and strategies to help students reach benchmark.

Weekly Journey Lesson Tests on Fridays: The test is comprised of multiple choice, vocabulary, comprehension, phonics, and grammar questions.

Math- Our math adoption, "My Math," (McGraw-Hill) focuses on these 2nd grade Common Core State Standards: *Applying addition & subtraction concepts, Number patterns, Adding two digit numbers, Subtracting two digit numbers, Place value to 1,000, Adding three digit numbers, Subtracting three digit numbers, Money, Data analysis, Time, Customary & Metric Measurement, & Geometric shapes and Equal shares.

Writing- Answering questions in complete sentences, paragraph format (Topic sentence, detail sentences, concluding sentence) using the Writing Process: (Pre-write, rough draft, edit, revise, & writing a final copy); using a variety of modes: narrative, imaginative, expository and focus on these writing traits: conventions, organization, and ideas. We will also work on penmanship, journal writing ("power writing"), writing friendly letters, and report writing.

Spelling: Implemented in the Language Arts Journeys Program and concentrates on spelling patterns as well as high frequency words used in their writing.

Science & Health: McGraw Hill