



Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families,

September 15th, 2017

**SNACKS:**

**Please remember to send a healthy snack with your child every day. If you have a water bottle at home that you can send to school, we like to have them on hand for everyday use and field trips.**

**What are we learning?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade's theme is SYSTEMS. Our first focus is on the Solar System.**

**Responsive Classroom**

- Morning Meeting and Closing Circles
- Learning how to use our class supplies, math and reading materials independently
- Creating a classroom environment where we can learn, make new friends, respect each other and have fun!

**Upcoming Confirmed Field Trips and Special Events are:**

- **Author Night Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm in the WCA Library**

- **Book Fair Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-4:00pm-** Students in grades K-2 are invited to visit the book fair with their families to make purchases. Book Fair will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 on Saturday, 9/23 during the Fall Welcome event.
- **Fall Welcome Event at WCA Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> – see WCA Friday post for more info**
- **Field Trip to De Young Museum on Thursday October 19th - leave school at 9am.** Art project will begin at 10:30am and your guided tour will begin at 11:30am, and the program will conclude by 12:30pm.  
**Address:** 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco, CA 94118
- **Field Trip to Slide Ranch on Tuesday November 14th - leave school at 9am.** Focus is on plants and ecosystems. Activities include: Goat milking and pasture exploration, Sensory garden exploration, Cooking from the garden, Honeybee investigation  
**Address:** 2025 Shoreline Hwy, Muir Beach, CA 94965

*Please remember to support the SMART Fund through which the Willow Creek Foundation provides funding for Classroom Support, Music, Art, Reading and Languages, and Technology to the Willow Creek Academy. You may make donations online on the Fundraising tab of the WCA website or by cash and check at the front office. All donations 100% tax deductible and will be put to use in the classrooms.*

*For 5-8th grade classes: "Did you know that WCF is now funding the Outward Bound program? If you are able to, please increase your donation to SMART by \$350 per child you have in these grades.*

Thank you for being such wonderful and supportive parents!  
Ms. Browning and Ms. Jackson