2nd Grade Open House
Pine Meadow Elementary
50% of your child’s reading grade is based on **Comprehension**. These grades are taken from the following:

- **Weekly Tests** (typically given on Fridays)
  These tests have two new/unfamiliar passages that students must read independently, followed by questions about those passages.

  *Reading an unfamiliar passage for the first time is called a “cold read.” Doing cold reads is essential for preparing students for FSA testing next year, and it’s an essential life skill as well.*

- **Vocabulary Tests**. Vocabulary words are sent home in folders each week. Please have your child study them daily.
20% of your child’s reading grade is based on Language Skills (Written and Spoken). These grades are taken from the following:

- Grammar Quizzes
- Writing Assignments
  We look at Focus, Organization, Level of Detail, Text Evidence, and Grammar/Conventions
- Presentations, Speaking, and Listening
15% of your child’s reading grade is based on Fluency and Sight Words. These grades are taken from the following:

- Fluency Tests (Students are timed as they do a “cold read” of a grade-level passage.

- Sight Words Tests. Students read sight words (which are sent home for practice) without sounding them out and within 2-3 seconds.

Knowing words by sight helps to increase reading speed/fluency. Reading with expression and at an appropriate speed facilitates students’ ability to comprehend what they are reading. **If a student spends too much time and effort sounding out words, they often can’t focus on the content of what they are actually reading.**
10% of your child’s reading grade is based on **Spelling Words**. These grades are taken from the following:

- **Spelling Tests**

  There are so many skills we teach during reading, and we like to have time to work with our students in small groups as well. Therefore, we do not always have the time to work hard on spelling words during the school day. Please help us by working on them with your child daily.

  There are many fun ways to practice spelling words at home! Take a look on Pinterest! Also, stay tuned for information about a website for spelling practice that students will have access to in the near future!
5% of your child’s reading grade is based on Handwriting (Letter Formation, Spacing, and Neatness).

Handwriting is a skill that develops over time and needs a lot of attention and consistent practice. We value your help and support in practicing with your child at home to improve their handwriting throughout the year.
Grading for math

- 50% Chapter Tests
- 25% Fluency (1-minute Speed Drills: Addition and Subtraction)
- 25% Quizzes and Daily Work

2+2=4
Grading for Science

- 50% Chapter Tests/Assessments
- 40% Daily Work, Projects, Quizzes
- 10% Participation (Involvement, Focus, Active Participation in Discussions and Projects, etc.)
Grading for Social Studies

- 50% Assessments
- 40% Daily Work, Projects, Quizzes
- 10% Participation (Involvement, Focus, Active Participation in Discussions and Projects, etc.)
Students will use homework planners in future years, so we start them on a routine in 2nd grade. Please speak with your child’s teacher about specific guidelines.
Thank you for Working Together with us to help your child have a successful year in 2nd grade!