

Dear Second Grade Families,

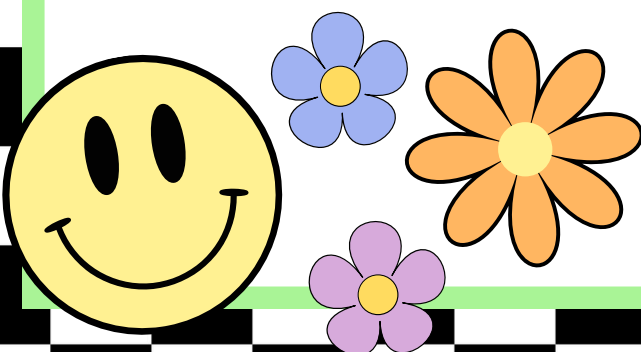
Welcome to an exciting new school year! My name is Raquel Linares, and I am thrilled to be your child's second grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. I cannot wait to get to know each of you and to begin a year filled with learning, discovery, and growth.

Second grade is such a special time in a child's academic journey. This year, students will experience rich opportunities to grow both academically and socially/emotionally.

As we prepare for a successful year, I also want to inform you about an important new statewide policy regarding the use of cellphones and other personal electronic devices in schools. Governor Kathy Hochul recently announced the bell-to-bell restrictions on internet-enabled devices in all public schools beginning this September. Public schools across New York State will be implementing stricter guidelines limiting student access to personal electronic devices during the school day. These devices include but are not limited to smartwatches, smartphones, tablets, laptops, wireless earbuds, gaming devices, and devices with messaging, video, or web browsing. This policy aims to help students stay focused, reduce distractions, engage more deeply and support their overall mental well-being. More specific details will be shared by the school and district.

I am so excited for all the memories and milestones we'll share together this year. Thank you for trusting me to be part of your child's educational journey. Let's make this a wonderful year of learning and growing together!

Sincerely,
Ms. Linares



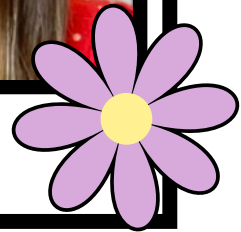
Meet the Teacher

Ms. Linarez

Education & Experience

I earned my BS in Biology and my MST in Childhood and Special Education from St. Thomas Aquinas College. I later completed a Bilingual Extension certification through Mercy College.

With 16 years of experience across diverse educational settings, I have also had the privilege to serve as both an instructional coach and a mentor teacher.



Fun Facts

- I have 2 children and a dog.
- I speak English and Spanish.
- I love to read and learn.
- I enjoy spending my free time making memories with my family.
- My favorite colors are pink and red.
- I love Starbucks coffee.
- I hope to travel the world!

Our Class

Our classroom will be a safe, supportive, and engaging space where students will be encouraged to become independent thinkers, solve problems with confidence, and persevere through challenges. These skills are essential not only for academic success, but for life, and we will be practicing them every single day!

Contact Info



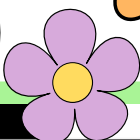
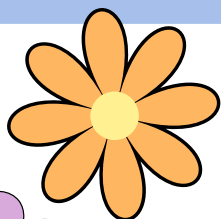
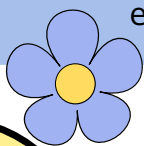
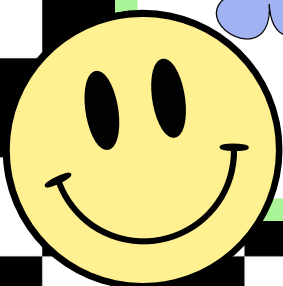
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Class Dojo:

Invitation to follow



2025-2026 Second Grade Supply List

Quantity	Supply	Picture Reference
2 packs of 12	Ticonderoga pencils (preferred brand because they last longer)	
2	erasers	
4	2 pocket plastic folders (2 yellow, 1 orange, 1 black)	
4	composition notebooks	
1 pack of 4	Elmer's glue sticks (no liquid glue please)	
1 set	headset with microphone (compatible with Chromebook)	
1 pack	Expo markers (preferred brand because they last longer)	
3 boxes	tissue	
2	Lysol/Clorox wipes (preferred brands because they are gentler on the skin)	
1 box	gallon sized storage bags	
1 pack of 2	paper towels	
1	reusable plastic water bottle	