



## Welcome to 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade!

We look forward to having you in our school next year! Below is the school supply list for 2nd grade, along with information about field trips for next year. On the other side, you can read about the teachers who teach 2nd grade.

If you haven't registered for the 2016-17 school year, please be sure to do so as soon as possible! We strongly encourage you to register online. Go to [my.austinisd.org](http://my.austinisd.org) and click on the Student Registration tile. If you have trouble with the password, please call the front office before June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for assistance.

Students will be assigned to teachers in August just before school starts, and you'll be able to meet your new teacher at our annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade School Supplies

*PLEASE DO NOT MARK SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME*

<u>24</u>	#2 Pencils, pre-sharpened
<u>8</u>	Erasers, large – Pink Pearl brand preferred
<u>1</u>	Crayola washable markers – 10 count
<u>2</u>	Crayola crayons – 24 count
<u>1</u>	Crayola colored Twistable pencils – 12 count
<u>6</u>	Elmer's glue sticks
<u>1</u>	Elmer's glue bottle
<u>1</u>	Fiskars scissors
<u>1</u>	EXPO Dry Erase markers – 4 pack
<u>2</u>	Highlighters – yellow
<u>1</u>	Plastic school box, 8.5" x 5"
<u>2</u>	Wide ruled composition notebooks – blue, black, green, and yellow
<u>1</u>	Wide ruled spiral notebooks – no color preference
<u>1</u>	Ruler with inches and centimeters
<u>5</u>	Vinyl/plastic folders with pockets & brads – 1 of each: blue, orange, green, red, yellow
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, sandwich size
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, quart size
<u>1</u>	Ziploc bags, gallon size
<u>1</u>	Copy paper
<u>2</u>	Notebook paper packs
<u>2</u>	Kleenex tissues
<u>2</u>	Hand sanitizer – GIRLS Only
<u>1</u>	Disinfecting wipes – BOYS Only
<u>\$20</u>	Field trip fee
<u>\$5</u>	Technology fee
<u>1</u>	Set of earbuds or headphones

Next year, students will take four field trips. The students will visit the State Capitol, Ballet Folklorico, Zach Scott Theatre, and the IMAX at Bob Bullock History Museum. Total cost for the year will be \$20, which includes entrance fees and transportation costs.



## Say Hello to our 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Teachers!

Come meet them in person, drop off your supplies, and enjoy some ice cream at the Back to School Ice Cream Social on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 4-6 pm.

CASEY TORREZ	Ms. Torrez has been a teacher for seven years, and a Thunderbird for five years. She went to school at Sam Houston State University, and has travelled to Mexico, which she loved. She loves seeing how far the kids get academically and socially in one whole year; it is pretty amazing! She also loves how unique our school is - we have a creek, a chicken coop, and some amazing gardens. Her favorite color is purple, she loves horses, and she collects different kinds of cacti! In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her husband and her friends. Ms. Torrez is a very caring and understanding person who can't wait to get to know her new families and students each year!
NICOLE GEIGER	Ms. Geiger graduated college with honors from Texas State University. Education is extremely important to her and she is very passionate about working with children! She loves spending time outdoors, listening to music, traveling to the beach, and hanging out with her puppy on the weekends at Town Lake. This is her 5 <sup>th</sup> year of teaching, and her 4 <sup>th</sup> with AISD. Her favorite thing about teaching 2nd grade are the fun personalities she gets to work with, and diving into some awesome chapter book studies like Charlotte's Web and The Magic School Bus. She is looking forward to getting to know you and your child this next year and wants to help your child become successful in reading, writing, and math!
MARY CARDENAS - Dual Language	Mrs. Cardenas came to THES in 2014 and has been teaching for over 20 years. Each year, she loves seeing the dynamics that emerge as she starts working with her students. She enjoys hearing students' stories, discovering their talents, playfulness and aptitudes. Her favorite subjects are math, traditional literature, poetry, and she loves teaching strategies for math, reading, and writing. Mrs. Cardenas loves everything about THES – project based learning, the dual language program, the parent and community support, her fellow teachers, and the administration. When she's not at school, she loves to kick back at home with her family or travel the world. She loves all shades of light purple – from orchid to lavender and everything in between!
COPELAND JOHNSON - Dual Language	As the daughter to a diplomat, Ms. Johnson grew up all over the world including Haiti, Benin, Tunisia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Suriname, and Chile. She enjoyed traveling so much as a child that she became an international teacher in 2002, teaching PK, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades. She has taught in Mexico, Cartagena and Bogota, Colombia, and in Guatemala. She has a daughter who is a student at UT and has been working in Travis Heights Elementary for 9 years. Teaching is Ms. Johnson's passion and she loves every minute of it! She also loves to volunteer with Austin Pets Alive and her favorite color is blue.