April 24, 2014

Parents,

The second grade is starting a new Literacy Unit about stories that are told over and over again and are passed down from generation to generation. To make this unit more meaningful for the students, we need your help. Please think of a story with a strong lesson that you can tell to your child (see below). It should be a story about something that happened that was important enough for you to remember and retell. Students’ homework for the next 2 weeks will be to listen to you tell the story and then to write down the important parts of the story and why it was important enough for you to tell to them. They will be using this story for their assessment at the end of the unit. Please have the completed stories returned by Friday May 8th.

Students will also be publishing this work digitally using iPads. They will need to bring in a small object or photograph that matches the story. We will keep these items in the classroom for several weeks. These items also need to be turned in with the story by Friday May 8th. We will record your child telling the story with the object or photograph using an application called Aurasma. Please consider downloading this free app on your Apple device as families will be invited in for a gallery walk to view the student projects in June. iPads will be available for those who do not have a device. More information regarding this event will come at a later date.

Finally, we are attaching a copy of a Reader’s Digest article that talks about how important it is to share personal stories with our children. Thank you so much for your help and we hope you enjoy sharing your stories with your child!

Stories from:

* A time when you were little
* A time when you made a mistake or made a bad choice
* A time when you were proud of yourself
* A story your parents/grandparents/great grandparents told you when you were little
* A pet that you had
* Something you remember about going to school
* Something that is part of growing up
* About you and a friend
* A holiday
* Your job

Sincerely,

Second Grade Teachers