

Castle Rock News

August 30th - September 3rd



Hello Second Grade Families,

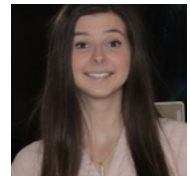
We've had a busy, productive week in our Castle Rock unit! The students have learned our routines and procedures and are improving day-by-day.

Because of this, we've been able to dip our toes into our academic routines. This is an exciting time, and we look forward to getting more into academics next week!

Here is the important information for the upcoming week:

- The second graders will be completing **MAPs testing on Tuesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 2nd**. MAP, or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers determine academic growth in reading and math. This will be the first MAPs assessment for the second graders; however, they will take MAPs at the beginning, middle, and end of second grade and beyond.
- Our [Back-to-School video](#) is now posted on our teacher Learning Pages! This video has important information about our schedule, routines, procedures, and expectations for 2nd grade. Please take the time to watch this video with your second grader some time this weekend.
- Please join us in welcoming our CSU interns. Beattie is a proud partner school with Colorado State University. We have the privilege of hosting interns during the Fall semester and student teachers in the Spring.

My name is Selena Cesko. I am currently attending CSU's M.Ed + Early Childhood Education program to follow my lifelong passion of becoming an elementary school teacher. I graduated back in 2019 with my B.A. in Psychology from California State University, San Marcos. I have over 6 years of experience working with preschool and primary school aged children in formal and informal settings. My decision to become a teacher was influenced by the opportunity to make a daily impact on young children - being a positive role model, educator, advocate, and most importantly, a friend. I am very excited to make new memories that I will cherish forever throughout this internship experience!



Hi Second Grade Families! My name is Brookelyn Richardson and I am so excited to be given this opportunity to work with you and your kiddos this fall! I graduated from Colorado State University in May with my bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies, and I am currently pursuing my master's degree at CSU in Early Childhood Education. I am originally from Strasburg, Colorado, but have lived in Fort Collins for the past four years and absolutely love it here. In my free time, I enjoy reading a good book, enjoying the outdoors, and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to what is to come in these next couple of months as well as getting to know you and your students!



Hello! My name is Ashley Anderson. I am a CSU graduate student pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I graduated in Spring 2021 with an Undergraduate Degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. I am so excited to begin the semester in the classroom at Beattie! I am thrilled to have this opportunity to work with such bright and intelligent students and teachers. I look forward to learning and working closely with all of you!

We hope you have an **AMAZING** weekend!

Sincerely,

The Second Grade Team

Literacy

Unit 1: "Hello, Neighbor!"

What is a Community?

Story: The Adventures of Taxi Dog

Reading Strategy: Preview and Predict

Spelling Patterns

Short vowels (a and i)



Encore:

	M	T	W	Th	F
Cripe -	Music	Art	Music	Music	Art
Latuda -	Art	PE	PE	PE	Health

The Encore schedule will switch each week.



Topic 1: Fluently Add and Subtract Within 20

This topic focuses on addition and subtraction within 20 using strategies such as counting on, counting back, doubles, near doubles, and make 10.

Science

This week, we will begin learning about how our brains work. The second graders will learn about three important parts of the brain: the amygdala (protects us from danger), the prefrontal cortex (helps us make smart choices), and the hippocampus (stores our favorite memories). Learning how our brains work can help us regulate our emotions and behaviors to optimize learning.

