

# 2nd/3rd Literature:

*2nd and 3rd Grade*

Course Syllabus

2026-2027

## Course Objectives:

- Engage students in pieces of literature while instilling a love for reading
- Develop higher level thinking skills that allow students to think beyond the text
- Introduce students to literary elements such as plot, character, setting, problem and solution
- Learn to engage with literature academically and creatively

## Course Components:

- Pre-reading and post-reading activities
- Vocabulary work
- Oral comprehension work
- Several times throughout the year a book project will be assigned.
- Homework: Students will have homework if the instructor determines it will benefit the child's understanding of the book(s) being read/discussed in class.

## Resources:

Books will be chosen from *Lightning Literature Grade 2 Curriculum*. **You do not need to purchase the books unless noted in student materials.** Most are also available through the York County Library System and read alouds for most books are also available on YouTube.

Books will likely include, but aren't limited to:

- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- Crow Boy by Taro Yashima
- Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- Sequoyah: The Man Who Gave His People Writing by James Rumford
- Books by Virginia Lee Burton to include:
  - Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
  - The Little House
  - Katy and the Big Snow
  - Alice the Wonder Horse
- Pop's Bridge by Eve Bunting
- Max's Words by Kate Banks
- 26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie DePaola
- The Three Questions by Jon J. Muth

- Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy Smiler Levinson
- Noodles on a Bicycle by Kyo Maclear
- Houndsley and Catina by James Howe
- Variety of titles by Jan Brett

### **Student Materials**

- A pocket folder labeled “Literature”
- Fully stocked pencil case- crayons, colored pencils, 3 #2 pencils, 2 glue sticks, scissors
- 26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie DePaola
- A composition notebook to be used for interactive notebooking labeled with child’s name and “Literature” as these will be collected and given to them to be used with specific books.