Second Grade Science Farrah Beeson Mentor Fall Semester

God has created such a beautiful world for us to enjoy and He has created children with a natural curiosity about that world! I am excited about the opportunity to work with you and your child this semester. We will be studying a variety of science topics through the year. Because children learn by doing, most of our class time will be devoted to hands-on activities. It is my desire to expose children to basic scientific concepts, to develop a positive attitude concerning science, and to help them to develop a greater appreciation for the world that God has created.

We will be using the second grade A Beka text, <u>Enjoying God's World</u> (fifth edition). Because most of our class time will be spent doing hands-on activities, your child will need to do some reading at home. Each week your child will receive an assignment sheet listing the reading and task to be completed at home. Please check your child's assignment sheet on Friday afternoons as some assignments will take more than one day to complete. Each Friday, we will discuss the reading and go over the questions briefly. The remainder of the class time will be spent discussing and reinforcing the new topic for the week with hands-on activities.

Your child will need to bring the following items to class each week: **textbook**, **completed homework**, **pencil**, **plus stick**, **crayons or colored pencils**, **scissors**, and a folder with **pockets**.

Below is a basic outline of topics we will be covering this semester. We will be flexible to adjust the schedule of students show an increased interest in a particular topic or activity.

Exploring the Plant World

Sept. 6 - Introduction to Plants

Sept. 13 - Flowers and Stems

Sept. 20 - Leaves

Sept. 27 - Roots

Oct. 4 - The Growth of a Tree

Enjoying How Things Work

Oct. 11 - Force and Movement

Oct. 18 - Magnets

Oct. 25 - Friction

Enjoying Earth and Space

Nov. 1 - Stars

Nov. 8 - Sun and Moon

Nov. 15 - Space Science and The Planets of our Solar System

Nov. 22 - Earth

Dec. 6 - Semester Review

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with your child. If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to call or email me: (336) 937-3281 kmmfarm@yahoo.com. I look forward to seeing you in September!