



2ND GRADE B.Y.O.T./B.Y.O.D. DAY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH



If your child has an e-reader or any wireless device (except phones,) we hope you will consider letting them bring it to school to share and use. This will give us a chance to see if our wireless network is capable of handling outside devices as well as give your child a chance to do his/her reading or work on educational sites on a device that he/she uses at home. Teachers will have planned specific lesson plans to give the students experience on using their technology in the lesson. Such lessons may include information gathering, communication, web quest, etc. We will "practice" accessing the sites that we encourage our students to visit during the summer. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders may also get to use their Overdrive access.

We are continuously looking for ways to increase technology access in our classrooms, realizing that funding challenges are limiting our efforts. You might send your child's Nook, Kindle, or Kindle Fire, an ITouch, or any other type of device that your family enjoys using at home for educational purposes that are loaded with books or academic skill builders. The younger students could bring a learning "toy" such as Leap Frog or V-Tech if they enjoy using that to strengthen their reading and/or math skills. Please **do not send game devices (such as Play Stations)** that are **not** loaded with academic skill builders. **DO NOT SEND PHONES** as our school board still has a policy prohibiting possession of and use of cell phones at school. Your child's teacher will do her best to keep the devices safe at the teacher desk when they are not being used but please make sure your child's name is permanently attached to or written on the device. If we find that this is an opportunity for students to work on educational web sites in their small group learning centers or that your child enjoys reading on an e-reader, we hope to expand this project - *Verner was the first elementary school in our city to pilot the concept of B.Y.O.D., and we know Verner can make it successful!!!!*

The children may not do random internet searches, and they must discuss what they will be doing on the device with their classroom teachers. Also, if your child does not have an educational device, be assured that, as always, your teacher will provide the same quality educational experiences that you expect, and the Kineos will be available for use in your classroom. The internet acceptable use policy that all children (and parents) signed at the beginning of the year will continue to guide our wireless use.

We want this to be a secure, safe, and successful experience so please complete the following that will help us keep a record of what is coming into the classroom next day. If a student misuses a device (i.e. not following school internet or phone policy, failure to follow teacher directions for use, etc.) we will keep the device until you come to pick it up. Otherwise, your child will bring the device home on Friday afternoon. We really hope to hold this event many times during the 2014-2015 school year as we hope *this is successful in terms of student enthusiasm and providing additional technology opportunities in our classrooms.*



PLEASE RETURN THIS INTENT AT THIS TIME SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY:

Child's Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

We are sending the following educational device to school :

- ___ *NOOK*
- ___ *KINDLE*
- ___ *ITouch*
- Other: _____
- ___ *IPad*
- ___ *KINDLE FIRE*
- ___ *Other Laptop, Tablet, or Notebook*



*** (Remember that anything they bring should be able to access books or educational web sites or academic skill games/activities.)*

Parent signature: _____

Comments, if applicable: _____