

There's no place like home!

“Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true!” Well, your dream is coming true ... You are finally in 2nd grade! You are invited to begin this year with us by creating a house that your favorite storybook character would live in! Make sure you read lots of amazing books from different genres this summer so that you make the perfect choice. Once the perfect book has been selected, begin creating the house of your storybook character's dreams. Homes reflect the people (or character) that lives inside. Think of how your home reflects your family. Now, make connections to your storybook character. What would they live in? What would it look like? What things would they need to have inside? Be creative and neat when designing your home! Search for items that you have around the house (ex: cotton balls, popsicle sticks) or that are recyclable (ex: shoe boxes, paper towel rolls, plastic bottles, milk cartons). We want this to be a fun project that represents your storybook character.

- **Writing component:** Pretend that you have to “sell” your house to another storybook character. You want to tell them how amazing it is! Using your neatest 2nd grade handwriting, create a listing on a 4x6 index card that includes how many bedrooms, bathrooms, and be sure to mention the extra special features that your house has! (at least 5 sentences) Check for proper punctuation and capitalization.
- **Math component:** Incorporate math into your homes anyway you can! Can you create addition/ subtraction sentences? How many windows do you have? How tall is your house? Did you use different shapes? Creativity counts! Be sure to write down at least 3 math concept connections on another 4x6 index card.

You will be presenting to the class. We will also record your presentations and post them to Seesaw for your 1st post as a 2nd grader. All projects and notecards will be due on our first full day of school, **August 21, 2017**. Be sure to bring your book too! Can't wait to see you “Somewhere Over the Rainbow!”



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