



Attendance: Many 2nd grade learning activities are group oriented and involve interaction with classmates. Therefore, it is next to impossible to recreate these activities at home. Please view school as a priority and see to it that your child attends everyday except in cases of illness or emergency.



Book Orders: Book orders will be sent home monthly. This is a great resource for purchasing books inexpensively. Please send **checks only** made payable to **Scholastic**.

Birthdays: If you wish to send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday, please plan to send it during our lunch time. Invitations may only be sent to school if **all** children are invited.



Cursive: Students will learn to write in cursive this year! As soon as students have mastered all the letters, they will earn a cursive license allowing them to complete work in cursive!



Dismissal: School ends at 2:30. All children should be picked up by 2:45 at the latest. You must send a note if your child is to go home a different way than his/her normal schedule.

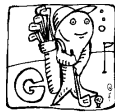


Emergencies: Please make sure we have emergency numbers and information on file for your child.



Field Trips: Our class will participate in two field trips this year. If you would like to chaperone one of these trips, please let me know.

Permission slips **must** be returned for your child to attend.



Grading Scale: The following grading scale is used in 2nd grade: A=100-93, B=92-85, C=84-77, D=76-70, U=69-0

All graded work will come home in STAR Binders on Mondays and weekly progress reports will be emailed to parents.



Homework: Your child will have homework Mondays through Thursdays. I send all homework home on Mondays and it should be returned by Fridays. Hopefully this will help accommodate busy after-school schedules!



Internet: Your child will use the Internet to conduct research this year. In order to do this, we must have your permission. All Internet searches will be guided by the teacher.



Journals: Your child will write in a journal daily throughout the school year. Sometimes this will be an arrival activity other times this may be a reflection activity or homework assignment.



Kindness Activities: Your child will be involved with "Random Acts of Kindness" throughout the year. Ask about it! ☺



Lunch: Feel free to join your child for lunch at any time. Children and their guests should sit at the special guest tables in the cafeteria.



Management: I use a money-based management system in the classroom that teaches students about economics. Students are able to gain real-life experiences about money savings and spending through our "Hollywood Bank" and "Madden Marketplace".



Newsletters: Newsletters will be posted on our website and sent to parents through email weekly. If you need a hard copy of the newsletter please let me know.



O.S.C.A.R.S. Club: Our Outstanding, Smart, Clever And Remarkable Students Club is designed for those students who love learning and need or want an extra challenge! Information can be found in your child's STAR Binder or on our class website.



Pal Projects: Your child will write to a 2nd grade pen pal from another school this year. We will also host a reading/writing project with a pet pal from Kansas!



Quick and Quiet Hellos: As you volunteer in our classroom, I will urge your child to acknowledge you with a "quick and quiet" wave hello. It is important for them to greet you, but remain involved in class activities.



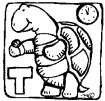
Reading: Reading instruction will be taught through author studies and genre studies in our room. This will challenge all readers and broaden their knowledge of literature. ☺



Always shoot for the moon; even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.



S.T.A.R. Binders: Your child's S.T.A.R. binder will include everything that needs to go between home and school. It will be our source of communication for the year!



Tardies: Students should be at school by 8:00. Arriving after this time causes students to lose instructional time.



United States Project: We will participate in many projects this year. One will be the U.S. Postcard Exchange, where we will exchange postcards with all 50 states to learn more about our nation!



Volunteers: We love volunteers! Moms, dads, grandparents....look for information on how you can help in our classroom!



Website: Our website is updated weekly, so check it out!

Water: Your child may bring a water bottle to keep at his/her desk as long as it has a "pop-up" top to prevent spills.

Writing Workshop: Your child will get to experience the stages of publishing books this year as we learn about the writing process.



I am **excited** to work with **you** and **your** child this year! Make sure he/she gets plenty of **zzzzz's** each night as we have exciting days planned for this year. ☺



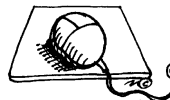
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