

Second Grade at a Glance

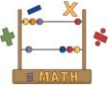
Reading: For reading instruction, we'll use the McGraw Hill Reading Series. We will read a new story from our textbook each week, which we'll use for comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, & more. Students will also participate in small group reading instruction. We will utilize The Daily 5 to organize our reading instruction time.



Writer's Workshop: Our class will write each and every day! During writer's workshop, students will be invited to write about topics that are meaningful and important to them. Each child will work at their own pace and choose their own topics to write about. We will write a lot of "sloppy copies" before taking stories through the writing process (revising, editing, and finally publishing).



Math: The math curriculum we use is Saxon Math. We will begin our day with "The Math Meeting" during which we'll practice essential math skills using the calendar, a weather graph, a clock, and more. Later in the day we will present the new math concept for the day. Students will be guided through written practice of this new concept.



Science: We will study Plants, Earth's Land & Matter. Students will read about concepts and participate in hands on experiences.



Social Studies: In Social Studies, students will learn all about their Community. We will study communities of the past & present.



Our Class Schedule

7:45-7:50 Arrival Routine
7:50-8:00 Morning Meeting
8:00-8:50 Writing Workshop
8:50-9:40 Special of the day
9:40-10:15 Phonics/Phonics Dance
10:15-10:30 Bathrooms, Snack, & Exercise Break
10:30-10:45 Read Aloud
10:45-11:50 Reading Workshop (Whole group reading, reading practice, grammar)
11:50-12:30 Lunch
12:30-1:30 The Daily 5 (Small Group Reading Instruction)
1:30-2:00 Math
2:00-2:30 Science/Social Studies
2:40 Dismissal



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Welcome To 2nd Grade!



Please use this brochure to learn about all the fun we'll have in our classroom this year!

Star Binders are a tool to help your child learn the skill of organization.



It is also a communication device between home and school. Make sure your child cleans out their Star Binder every night! Also, please check their behavior page nightly so you know how their day went at school, & then sign next to the appropriate day.

Student behavior will be recorded in their Star Binders. If for some reason a behavior issue should arise, please look for a note on the Behavior Page in the Star Binder. Students will be told what their behavioral responsibilities and the behavioral consequences are for the classroom on the first day of school.



Homework Your child will have homework.



Students are expected to practice their Spelling Words, complete any work that was not finished in class, complete any homework that may have been given for the night, and

read for 15 minutes every night. There is no reason your child shouldn't finish their work in class. If you see an extreme amount of homework coming home, please talk with your child about using their time wisely to complete their work during class.

Snack Please send in a healthy snack for your child each day. The snack should be something small that can be eaten in 5 minutes or less.



Your child is also welcome to bring a **water bottle** containing water **ONLY** please and it must have a top so we can avoid any spills.** It is a scientific fact that dehydration affects our ability to learn. The Brain is plastic and shrinks when we dehydrate. If the brain does shrink, then the ability to learn decreases.

Lunch Students have the option to purchase hot lunch or bring a cold lunch from home. Lunch menus will be sent home at the beginning of each month.



Birthday Celebrations Birthdays are very special! Feel free to send in a treat for your child's birthday. Please remember to send in any necessary utensils or serving items. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend, we can celebrate on the Friday before or the Monday after. If it is during summer vacation, we will celebrate these birthdays anytime during the month of June.



Book Orders: Scholastic Book Orders will come home throughout the year. This is a great way to purchase quality literature for your child at a reduced price. If you would like to order books, you may return the book order and a **check made out to Scholastic Book Clubs** or order online. For every order placed online, we get a free book for our classroom library! I'll send home more information on ordering online with the first book order.



Portfolios Each child will have their own personal portfolio. They will be used for storing some of their art projects, 90% or higher papers, Data Binder materials, and Writer's Workshop assignments. These portfolios are kept at school, but you are more than welcome to come in and view your child's portfolio at anytime. At the end of the year our class will have a Portfolio Sharing Party which gives your child a chance to look through and share their years work.



Grading Scale The grading scale for second grade is as follows:



A 94-100
A- 90-93
B+ 87-89
B 83-86
B- 80-82
C+ 77-79
C 73-76
C- 70-72
D+ 67-69
D 63-66
D- 60-62
E 0-59

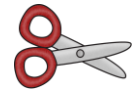
Data Binders Students will be given a Data Binder where they will enter and chart their weekly test scores. Data Binders will be filled out on Wednesdays and sent home for parents to preview, sign, and return the next day. These Data Binders will kept in the classroom. All papers need to remain in the Data Binders until we remove them at the end of each trimester and place them in their portfolios.



Spelling Tests Students will be given a list of spelling words every Friday. It will contain 15 words that they will be test on the following Friday. Your child will also have 3 dictation sentences that will be graded for punctuation and correct use of spelling grammar. The sentences will consist of past spelling words, sight words, and grammar skills that your child should know. These dictation sentences are used to see if your child is retaining their spelling words and have learned the grammar skills.



Mrs. Hab's Supply List:



- A backpack
- 2- folders that are strong enough to stand up on their desks and be used for "hiding folders" while testing
- 1-1.5 inch white binder with clear overlay
- 1-1 inch white binder with clear overlay
- 1-Composition notebook
- big box of Crayons
- **plenty** of pencils
- markers
- 2- boxes of tissue
- scissors
- Yellow highlighter
- 2- rolls of paper towel,
- **2 glue stick per month** (these are used often and tend to go very quickly)
- pencil sharpener that hold shavings
- 1- white V-necked t-shirt (men's large, Fruit of the Loom)
- Gallon zip-lock bags
- Sandwich size zip-lock bags
- 2- containers of disinfectant wipes
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