

About the Second Grade

Newsletter: A weekly newsletter will be sent home with your child each Friday. It will contain the new spelling list and accompanying homework, phonograms, memory verse, classroom news, and up coming events. Please read it carefully.

Homework: Homework will be assigned each school day and should take approximately 20 minutes. Some assignments may occasionally take longer. It will provide a review of concepts learned during that week and give parents an opportunity to participate in their child's learning experience. Incomplete class work will become homework as well. Homework is due the following school day unless otherwise specified. Your child will receive an I.O.U. slip when they fail to turn in their homework. Please sign and return this slip the following day along with the missed assignment. For excused absences, the number of days allowed for make up will equal the number of days absent. **Please initial your child's assignment book each evening.** Grades for late assignments, including weekly memory verse recitation, will be lowered one letter grade per day.

Corrections: Class work and homework with errors will be placed in your child's desk pocket for correction. They are responsible for fixing and turning it in. These corrections are made during class when time permits. They may also be taken home and returned the following day.

Spelling: Spelling words will be introduced at the beginning of the week. A pretest will be given **by parents** each Monday evening. A review word (bonus) will be given on Friday's spelling test and may take the place of one misspelled word.

Handwriting: All handwriting instruction will continue to be manuscript at the beginning of the year. Our goal is to refine the skill of manuscript before introducing cursive. Using manuscript exclusively until the small muscles are well developed allows your child to have more success in writing. The mastery of manuscript writing prepares your child for a successful and easy transition to cursive writing. As a general rule, "The better the manuscript, the better the cursive." We will work on size, shape, slant, spacing, and speed. Effective written communication is, of course, the final goal. A copy of both manuscript and cursive alphabets are provided for reference.

P.E. Class: All students should wear athletic shoes for P.E. class on Tuesdays. Student will not be allowed to participate if footwear is deemed unsafe. Girls should not wear skirts and jumpers for obvious reasons.

Current Events: Your child will select, summarize, and report on a current event once or twice each month. A special folder with directions and forms will be provided. The students enjoy this lunchtime activity.

Daily Oral Reading Practice: Second graders are required to read aloud to an adult for twenty minutes each evening. A log will be provided and will be graded. Practice makes perfect!

Accelerated Reader (AR) Program: Students are required to read an AR book and to take a computer quiz once each week. The books, marked with blue stickers, will be obtained from the school library during our scheduled class visit. Library staff and/or teachers will help your child select the correct reading level. Parents can google ARbookfinder.com to find book levels.

Memory verse: Please discuss and help your child memorize the weekly verse listed in the Friday newsletter. They will be tested on Friday but they may say it earlier in the week. They will receive a grade for this work. For each day late, your child's score will drop one grade per day.

Grading: The following grading scale will be used for tests and quizzes (97-100 A+, 93-96 A, 90-92 A-, 87-89 B+, 83-86 B, 80-82 B-, 77-79 C+, 73-76 C, 70-72 C-, 69 and below F, Incomplete I. Class work and homework will be corrected but not graded. A large /C/ in the middle of the page means that the page has been completed correctly.

Weekly Brown Envelope: A weekly packet of your child's work will be going home each Tuesday. It will contain graded papers and a brief academic and/or behavioral report. Please review their work, sign the cover sheet, test packet, and return both the following day. You may keep loose papers at home. Be sure to praise your child for any and all effort.

Healthy Snacks: Please send a nutritious snack for their morning break. All candy will be sent home. If your child purchases school lunch, do provide a bag for their morning snack.

Meals: No microwave is available in the second grade due to safety issues. Please do not send home lunches that require heating.

Toys: Children are not allowed to bring toys, games or other personal possessions from home. Personal items will be collected by the teacher and returned on the last day of the quarter. This will eliminate the possibility of loss or damage. An exception to this rule will be a specific request from the teacher for a special project or activity.

School Supplies: Additional supplies will be requested during the year as needed.

Attendance: Class begins at 7:50 a.m. each morning. Promptness is greatly appreciated as it reduces interruptions and provides training in punctuality and respect for others. Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m. It would be very helpful to have your child picked up by 2:45 p.m. At 3:00 p.m. your child will be signed into the after school care program.

Book Club: Your child will be receiving book club order forms through out the year. If you wish to purchase any of these books, please place a check and the order form in an envelope and return it to school. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE BOOK CLUB. Please do not send cash. You may also order and pay on-line. Thank you!

Student Planner: Homework assignments and communication from both classroom and school will be in your child's planner. It is of utmost importance that parents review this information and initial daily.

Home/School Connection: Communication may be achieved via notes in student planner, written notes via child, email (cnito123@gmail.com), or school phone (488-0000).

Needed: Small, gently used toys are needed to "sell" in classroom store. Please donate as you are able.

- 1. ESV Bible (Purchase at school office)**
- 2. Scissors (Good quality blunt-tip Fiskars)**
- 3. Crayons (Box of 24)**
- 4. White Glue (1-8 oz. bottle)**
- 5. #2 Lead Pencils with erasers (48 sharpened)**
- 6. Red correcting pencils (3)**
- 7. Erasers (3 white plastic)**
- 8. Composition books (3 hard covered, wide ruled)**
- 9. Supply Box (no larger than 5"x8"x3")**
- 10. Pocket Portfolios (pockets at the bottom) (1)**
- 11. Kleenex Tissue (2) and Paper Towels (2)**
- 12. Wide rule filler paper (150 sheets)**
- 13. Crayola Brand Color Pencils (24)**
- 14. Crayola Brand Water Color set (1)**
- 15. Dry Erase pens (2 black EXPO brand)**
- 16. Cardboard Juice Tray (i.e. Hawaiian Sun) (1)**
- 17. Paint Smock or large dress shirt (no T-shirts)**
- 18. Ziploc Bags (1 box-sandwich size)**
- 19. 1 Fieldtrip T-shirt (purchase from Dennis School Uniforms)**

**NO TRAPPER KEEPERS OR THREE-RING BINDERS
NO MECHANICAL PENCILS OR ERASERS**

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