

welcome to SECOND GRADE

It is going to be a great year full of learning, laughter and fun! In this letter, you will find an overview of how things work in second grade. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with you and your child! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email!

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Attendance:

Our school day begins at 7:55. Dismissal begins at 2:35. If a student arrives late or needs to be excused early, please send a written note. Everyday counts!

Special Area Classes:

Please remember to have your child wear/bring a pair of sneakers on Gym days. Also, please make sure that your child brings back library books to return or renew on library days. An art smock (old t-shirt) for art class is needed as well.

Monday: Gym

Tuesday: Library

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Gym, Computers

Friday: Chorus, Gym, Art

Lunch and Snack:

Lunch will be 10:40-11:10 each day. We will have snacks in the classroom every afternoon. Please provide a small, healthy snack for this time, if your child would like one. I do appreciate extra snacks; in case someone forgets. Pretzels and Animal Crackers are great to send as "extras".

Celebrations:

We love celebrating special days! You are welcome to send in a store bought, individual treat to celebrate your child's birthday. For students with summer birthdays, we will celebrate their special day on their half birthday (6 months). Students may pass out birthday party invitations at school, provided that **ALL** students in the class are invited. Otherwise, please pass out invitations outside of school.

Our classroom will be holding celebrations for various holidays. However, I encourage any family that may recognize or celebrate other holidays to let me know. We would love to have you come visit our classroom to share and teach us more about your special celebrations and traditions. I feel it's important to celebrate the diversity we have here in our classroom! In order to avoid an overabundance of sweets and sugary snacks, I will send home a signup sheet for each celebration as the time draws near.

Communication:

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Online: SeeSaw App  Login information will be sent at the beginning of school. You may message on SeeSaw as well!

GATOR Folder: Your student will bring home a green GATOR folder each day. This folder will contain important information, homework, etc. Please ensure it is checked each night and returned to school each day. If sending a note or labeled money to school; these items should be put in the student's GATOR folder as I will check it each morning.

Grading Policy:

Each marking period, we strive to grade 12 assignments. Assignments that come home with percentage points will be used as a graded assignment. Assignments that come home without a percentage grade will have been checked for completion or accuracy!

Homework:

Homework will NOT be mandatory unless your child needs extra practice in a certain area. Practice pages that are sent home are expected to be completed and returned. Please know that homework should be completed independently, but I do ask that you look over their work for any obvious errors.

Students will have an optional reading log to complete each month. When a student reads for 10-15 minutes or practices their sight words, they may color in one item on the reading log. When it is completed at the end of each month, it may be returned for a prize! I do always encourage practicing spelling words and math facts each night! 😊

Classroom Rules & Expectations:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Kind
3. Be Responsible
4. Be Safe

We will discuss our classroom rules extensively during the first few weeks of school and revisit them as needed throughout the year!

Individual Incentives- Class Dojo Points

Table Group Incentives - Game Board Pieces

Whole Class Incentives -Smiley Jar

I do use Class Dojo as a behavior management tool. Students are able to earn points for various things such as helping a friend, giving a compliment, participation, etc. However, students may also lose points for interrupting learning or not following one of our

classroom rules. Students will get 3 warnings before losing a point. On the 3rd time, students will lose a point. One point is equal to 5 minutes of quiet, reflection time. When students earn 20 Dojo points, they can go to our Classroom Dojo Store and pick out a prize!

Each table group has the opportunity to earn rewards based on following our 4 classroom rules. Each time the table collectively follows the rules, they move their game piece on the board from Start to Finish.

The whole class can earn a smiley face in our jar when we receive a compliment in the hallway, cafeteria or from a specials teacher.

Reward incentives will always be primarily voted on by the students. It is important that they have choice and voice to ensure the reward has a positive and influential impact.

Class List

	Haley
Gotham	Kora
Milo	Karrison
Jonathan	Adylee
Jackson	Imani
Grant	Lyla
Brayden	Remington
	Lilly
	Aubrey
	Avery
16 Students Total	

Thank you for being such a huge part of your child's success in the classroom. I look forward to a fantastic school year! I will share more information throughout the year.

I can't wait to work with you and your child!

-Mrs. Zimbardi