



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 every day except in cases of illness or emergency.



Book Orders: Scholastic book orders will be sent home on a regular basis. This is a great way to purchase books inexpensively. You will also have access to order these books online.

Bucket Fillers: This year your child will learn how to become a “bucket filler” and not a “bucket dipper.” Please read about it on our website!



Communication: Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My phone and e-mail contact information is listed on the back of this pamphlet. Conferences will be scheduled in October. I **WILL NOT** be at school on Conference Day, November 1, 2010.



Dismissal: School ends at 3:40. Please send a note if your child will be dismissed at a different time or is to go home a different way than his/her normal schedule.



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



Field Trips: Our class will participate in field trips this year. Permission slips **must** be returned for your child to attend.



Grading Scale: The following grading scale is used in 2nd grade: 94-100 E, 74-93 S, 64-73 M, 0-63 N



Homework: Your child will receive homework Monday-Thursday. It is always due on FRIDAY unless otherwise noted, and should take about 20-30 minutes to complete.



Internet Projects: My classroom has been completing internet projects for two years. I intend to schedule this year’s class for participation also.



Journals: Your child will have a journal in every subject this year.



Kindness: We will learn to be kind to ourselves and others every day! This will be reinforced through the Bucket Fillers Program.



Library: We will visit the library on Thursdays to check out books. Please make sure all books are returned by then to avoid suspended library privileges and/or fines.

Lunch: Lunch is every day from 12:40pm-1:10pm. Every now and then we will have “Lunch Bunch” in which students can eat lunch with me in the classroom.



Management: When a student is not following the established classroom expectations he/she will be asked to complete a Think Sheet that you will need to sign and return to school the next day.



Newsletters: Newsletters will be sent home every Monday.



Open House: September 2nd at 1pm. See you then!



Parties: Be on the lookout for information regarding classroom celebrations.
Practice: The skills learned in class need to be practiced often, so please ask your child to read for you or quiz him/her on math facts.



Questions: Reading comprehension is important in 2nd grade. Ask your child questions about the books he/she reads.



Reading: Students are expected to read for 20 minutes every night. They will also have access to RAZ-Kids (an online reading program).



Snack: Because 2nd grade has the last lunch this year, I will allow students to bring a small snack to enjoy during the

morning, when it's convenient for them.

Scorpion Challenge: This is a learning club for those who want to go above and beyond what is taught in the classroom. More information coming home soon!



Tardies: Students will be considered tardy if they arrive in the classroom after 9:20; however, morning work and

routines will begin as the busses are unloaded at 9:00. Arriving after this time causes students to lose instructional time.



Uppercase and lowercase: Make sure that your child uses correct capitalization and letter formation when writing. We use Manuscript

handwriting, and will learn cursive this year!



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



Water: Your child may bring a water bottle to keep at his/her desk as long as it is spill-proof and will not "sweat" on his/her desk.



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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