

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to second grade. The first week your child will complete one of the most important milestones in his/her life – the beginning of school. Children begin this stage of their life with excitement or apprehension (or a little of both). We hope this letter will help you to know what to expect this year and help to answer any questions you may have.

A good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. Throughout the year, you will be contacted through notes, telephone calls, and parent-teacher conferences. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, we are available for conferences by appointment.

Students attend school from 8:00-3:00. Your child will not be allowed in the classroom until 7:55. However, they may enter the building at 7:30 to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. They may also wait in the gym until time to go to class. If you need to pick up your child during school hours, you must sign him/her out in the office. If your child needs to be absent, please call the school office and let them know.

On occasion, it will be necessary for students to bring money to school. Please send the money in a sealed envelope with the following instructions:

1. Your child's name
2. The amount of money
3. The purpose of the money
4. The name of their teacher

With the number of children we have and several reasons to collect money, this helps us out tremendously and reduces the likelihood of errors. Also, if the envelope is dropped in the building, this information will help in returning the money to the classroom.

Establishing good discipline is essential to each child's success, confidence, and well-being. Every child should feel that the classroom environment is safe and secure, free from all threats of physical or emotional harm. In addition, it is important that each child learn to develop self-discipline and good work habits, to resolve conflicts peacefully, and to think independently. For these reasons, the discipline plan we have chosen has several components.

First, the child will learn the purpose of classroom rules, and develop the idea that our classroom is a community with the common purpose of learning, growing, and becoming friends. Classroom rules have been developed to protect each student's right to safety and

respect, as well as, outlining the responsibilities each child has in maintaining classroom order.

Secondly, the discipline plan includes the consequences which will occur when class rules are broken. Missed homework assignments will result in the loss of free time and a penalty may be given (depending on the frequency of missed assignments). Aggressive and inappropriate behavior will require a time out during recess. This list is not inclusive since it would be impossible to predict all incidents which might occur throughout the year. Consequences ideally would act as a solution for behavior problems and rewarding appropriate behavior would promote continued good behavior. If classroom rules are severely and consistently broken, parents may be contacted by note or telephone. A visit to the principal's office is a last resort.

Graded papers will be sent home on Mondays. Occasionally, we will not send papers home due to holidays, short week, etc. Please keep the graded work at home and return the folder signed.

A pretest will be given each Monday. If the student scores 100% mastery, they will be given a more difficult list to study. Spelling lists will go home every Monday. The practice test will be given Thursday. If the student scores less than 100%, they are required to take the test again on Friday. Dictation sentences will be given only on Thursday and are counted as bonus points.

Lastly, please read with your child every night. It is extremely important to have additional reading time outside of class. Reading is a priority, and we need your help. Included in the folder is a reading log. We encourage you and your child to read and complete the form. Once the reading log is finished, the student will receive a homework pass.

Thank you for helping us assure the success of your child this school year!

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Parent Signature