

Welcome to Second Grade!



Specials for Miss Zemarel & Mrs Clontz

Monday	-	Art
Tuesday	-	Art & Music
Wednesday	-	Music
Thursday	-	Library & PE
Friday	-	PE

Schedule

8:20-8:30	Morning Routine
8:30-10:30	Reading
10:30-11:30	Reading
11:40-12:10	Lunch
12:10-12:30	Recess
12:30-1:00	Read Aloud, Calendar & Weather
1:00-1:40	Special Areas
1:40-2:20	Special Areas/Handwriting/Read Aloud/SSR
2:20-3:00	Science/Social Studies/Computer Lab
3:05	Dismissal

Homework

Homework should be returned on time. Neatness and attention to detail (capital letters, periods, and handwriting) is encouraged and stressed. Feel free to check your child's homework before returning it to school. If you have a family emergency or are unable to complete an assignment please send in a note with your child. If homework is incomplete (without a parental excuse), your child will be asked to complete it during recess.

Planners

Student planners are to be initialed after your child's homework is completed each night. Please write any comments/concerns/questions in the planner as teachers check it each morning.

2nd Grade Classroom Rules

- Be Ready
 - Come prepared with HW and Materials, Eyes on Teacher
- Be Respectful
 - Use given voice level
 - Use manners
- Be Responsible
 - Make good/safe choices
 - Follow directions first time given

Language Arts

We are excited about our integrated Reading series that includes reading, writing, speaking, listening, spelling, handwriting, and grammar. This reading series is published by Harcourt and has useful website that we encourage you to visit with your child, www.harcourtschool.com . On the homepage select The Learning Site then Reading and then choose Storytown.

Spelling

After taking a pre-test on Monday to test prior knowledge, students will bring home a new list to be studied for our test on Friday. These words will be written in the student planner AND a list will be sent home to study on Mondays. Days for testing are subject to change, due to shortened weeks.

Rigby

See Rigby sheet for Details!

Sight Words

Students are required to say and spell all 10 sight word lists by the end of 2nd grade. We will be working on these throughout the year.

Handwriting

We begin the year reviewing printing and learning slant print. Cursive writing generally begins in January. **DO NOT** attempt to teach your child cursive; we will all be learning the Peterson Directed Handwriting System together IN CLASS!

Math

The Everyday Mathematics series is a challenging program stressing problem solving, number awareness, mental math, use of multiple strategies, and math skills in our everyday lives. It may take some time before you feel comfortable with the vocabulary and activities, but the children will remember similar activities from first grade. Some nights there will be a small homework assignment referred to as a Home Link. These are for you and your child to complete together. They typically cover a concept practiced in class and should be returned to school the next day. *HINT: The answers to Home Links are on the back of the "Family Letter" sent home at the beginning each Unit.*

Social Studies

We will begin the year with Social Studies, learning about our neighborhood, community, and map skills.

Health

The Food Pyramid, healthy habits, and the five senses are just a few of the topics we will cover.

ASSET Science

We will complete two hands-on science modules this year, "Changes" and "Insects." Each module includes a variety of interesting, thought-provoking, and enriching activities.

Tests

We will be sending a completed/graded test packet home on Friday (to be signed for homework) and turned in on Monday.

Behavior

Please refer to the Behavior Plan for details!

Absences

It is the district's policy that families send an excuse for days absent on the day the child returns to school. If an excuse is not returned within three days of the child's return, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Birthdays

It is not mandatory but students may bring in a treat for their birthday. We do not allow students to pass out any party invitations **in school** unless the entire second grade class is invited.

Parties

We have three official parties: Halloween, Christmas/Holiday, and Valentine's Day. You may send in a treat but please do not feel pressured to do so.

Toys

Toys and other play things are not allowed in the classroom.



Open house is Thursday, October 18th, 2012 from 6:00-7:30pm.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation. Together we can make second grade a great year for your child! --Miss Zemarel and Mrs. Clontz