

2013-2014 Parent Notes

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to the new year and working with your special second grader. I would like to share some information about our year in second grade that will be helpful to you and your child. (Some of this information is included in the second grade handbook from our open house or from your child bringing it home from school. Please refer to more detailed information in this handbook.)

Specials

P.E. – Monday 1:20-1:50 and Friday 9:00-9:30. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate shoes on these days ☺. Our P.E. teacher is Mrs. Gordon.

Music – Tuesday 1:20-1:50 and Thursday 1:20-1:50. Our music teacher is Ms. Verburg.

Library – Thursday 1:50-2:20. Our librarian is Ms. Klenner. Please return books to school on Thursdays.

Computer Lab – Monday 12:00-12:30.

Counselor – Every other week on Thursday 2:20-2:50. Our counselor is Mrs. Rus.

Art – Wednesday 12:00-12:40. Our art teacher is Mr. Gibbons

Lunch

We will have lunch from 11:35-11:55 everyday. You may join your child for lunch any day, but please be sure to check-in in the office. If you plan to eat lunch, it is helpful if you can let the office know in the morning.

Supplies/Personal Belongings

Please label all supplies and outerwear clearly with your child's name. Remember to label your child's personal belongings (backpacks, coats, hats, mittens, etc...) Please try to keep toys at home to avoid them being lost or broken.

Bookmobile

The Siouxland Libraries Bookmobile will come to FAE. I will let you know when the dates are as soon as I know. **Students who want to check out a book need to bring their library card from home.** We will keep it at school and return it to you at the end of the year. If your child does not have a library card, you may send \$1.00 to school on the day of the bookmobile.

Headphones

Students are required to bring their own headphones to school to use in the computer lab. These can be inexpensive earbuds or regular headphones. We will store these at school and they will be returned at the end of the year.

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Volunteering

I highly encourage your to volunteer at FAE. Your help means we can have a highly productive school year. With your help, children can receive important individual attention. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. This can be done on a weekly, bi-weekly, or occasional basis. I will be in touch with those who have already indicated that they are interested in volunteering. Thanks a bunch!

Newsletters

Each week you will receive a newsletter keeping you updated on what's going on in our classroom and what's coming up. I will update you on events, curriculum, and current projects. This newsletter will be found in the front of the "Monkey Binder".

Snacks

Each morning, students may choose to drink milk as part of their morning snack. They also may bring a **healthy snack** from home to eat (for themselves only). Healthy snack ideas may include crackers, muffins, fruit, raisins, pretzels, cereal in a bag, fruit snacks, etc. (Students may not eat candy for their morning snack.) Please be aware that there is a breakfast program at the school as well. It starts before school if students (parents) choose to participate.

Recess

9:45-10:00 AM recess 11:15-11:35 lunch recess 1:00-1:15 PM recess

Birthdays

If your child would like to bring some treats for his or her birthday, that is fine; however, to protect children with food allergies, we would prefer that they be nonfood items. Pencils, notepads, necklaces, stickers, etc...would be appropriate. Please check with me if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Routine Responsibilities

These at-home responsibilities include: 1) completing weekly homework and returning it to school by Thursday, 2) studying the spelling words for the test on Friday, 3) working to reach their **Accelerated Reading** goals each quarter, and 4) reading and returning the weekly phonetic booklet. Other important skills to be practiced at home include reading for enjoyment, math addition and subtraction facts, time and money.

Miscellaneous

*Our principal is Ms. Foster.

*Our school secretary is Ms. Debbie Arrowsmith.

*We have 23 children in our class. There are 15 boys and 8 girls.

Communication

My website is <http://ml112@k12.sd.us>. I will strive to keep this updated with current spelling lists, pictures, information, etc... Always let me know if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact me any time at home at 582-7860, at school at 582-1500, or by e-mail missy.livingston@k12.sd.us. I hope this information will be helpful to you and your child as we all work together to make your child's experiences at school positive! ☺