

WELCOME



2nd Grade
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I am extremely excited about working with your children this year! We have a blockbuster year planned! This pamphlet highlights a very brief overview of our classroom. If you are curious about something not included, please don't hesitate to ask. Please know that if you ever have any questions or concerns about anything you can feel free contact me. I truly believe when working together as a team we can provide a wonderful experience for your child.



SUPPLIES



PE Shoes to keep in locker

Snack: Students will have time for a snack in the afternoon. Students may choose to bring a healthy snack from home if they wish.

Water Bottles: Students may bring clear water in a bottle that firmly closes to use throughout the day.

Outside Clothing coats, snow pants, hats, mittens, boots as needed. We do go outside most days.

Sweatshirt Your child may want to keep a light sweatshirt at school as our room can get quite chilly some days.

General Supplies See school supply list



Sharing the Experience



Communication is important to me. I want to keep you as informed as I can about what is happening in our classroom so you can share in your child's education. Please be watching for the following:

Red Take-Home Folders should be checked each evening and returned to school each day

Weekly Preview Newsletters will be sent home every Monday via email to let you know what is happening each week. Paper copies available if requested.

Our Classroom Website contains resources, updates, links, and tools. Find our page on the Lakeview website, or using the QR code on the front.

SeeSaw is a free app/site where I will post pictures and students work. You will only be able to see your own child's work. To access, you will need to sign up for a free account using the QR code sent home. This will be an important and helpful tool used for teacher-student communication in the event of virtual snow days.



Changes in Routine

Absences Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be gone. If you send an email, please include both the elementary office and myself.

Vacations Please let me know at least a week prior to extended absences so that I can work with your child on what will be missed.

Bus Changes/Pick-Up If there are *any* changes in how your child is to go home or to daycare after school, you will need to contact me or the office by email, phone, or in writing as soon as possible. We cannot send students to a different location or with a different person without receiving permission from you first. If you email me and don't receive a reply by 2:00 please call the school. We want to make sure your child safely arrives to the correct place.



Celebrating Us!

Spotlight Student: Throughout the year, each student will have time in the Spotlight as we celebrate what makes them unique. Watch for more information to come!

Birthdays: We celebrate all students on their special day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on their half birthday.

Sharing Each month students will have a chance to share things that are special to them. Students will be asked to write out 3-4 clues about their items. Calendars with information will be sent home at the beginning of each month.



Home Activities

Homework is VERY limited.. Any activities sent home are intended to help strengthen skills and the development of time management, responsibility, and accountability. Here is a look at what you may see sent home: **Spelling Lists** will be sent home most Mondays. However, spelling will look a little different this year. More information will be sent home with the first list.

Reading Minutes Calendars will be sent home monthly to record reading time at home. *This is not required*, but strongly encouraged. Students will receive incentives for returning calendars with some reading recorded, and for meeting goals. Reading can be independent or paired reading.

Homework: Homework typically will be sent home in the following situations:

- 1) Absences
- 2) When students are frequently choosing to not use work time in class (parents will be notified first.)
- 3) Special projects - (2-3 for the year)
- 4) Virtual Snow Days
- 5) Bonus opportunities (optional)
- 6) Suggested practice activities (optional)



GRADES

2nd grade uses standards based grading. Rubrics can be found on my website.. Not all assignments will have a grade on it as many assignments are used for practicing and learning.

Building Character



Our elementary school follows 4 basic expectations: *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Prepared.* We encourage, support, and recognize positive choices and the impact they have in our classroom. We work on problem solving skills and learning to be good community members to help us work through difficult situations or to help us improve our choices. On Fridays students will have the chance to participate in Fun Friday. To participate, each student must: 1) have all of the week's work completed and 2) have made mostly positive choices during the week.



Our schedule is often flexible during the day, but here are a few general notes:

8:00 - Classroom opens (between 7:45-8:00 students should report to breakfast or to gym)

8:20 - Our day begins

10:37-11:21 Specials

Library Day is Friday

Lunch/Recess - 11:25-12:30

3:05 - Dismissal