

# Welcome to Second Grade!



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1. Be ready to listen and learn.
2. Be respectful. Treat others the way that you want to be treated.
3. Be responsible – make good choices! 😊

## Classroom Rules

Children in second grade will be earning letter grades on their work. There will be a percentage or points and letter grade on graded work. Please also check Skyward to keep updated on your child's grades. Please let me know if you have any questions. 😊

## Letter Grades

1. First warning: given for inattentive or distracting behavior - negative Dojo point
2. Second warning: the child continues the behavior – negative Dojo point – the child is sent to the “Cool Down Spot” to reflect on his/her behavior
3. Third warning: note/call home to parents and go down Chrisman

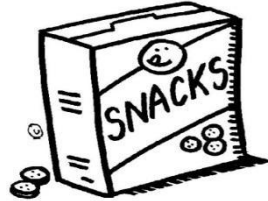
## Discipline Policy



We will be using Class Dojo for individual rewards. I will be sending home a note with your child's Class Dojo access code. You are able to download the app on your smartphone and be updated instantly when your child earns a positive or negative point. Children can earn positive points for things like being on task, turning in homework, etc. They can also earn negative points by not turning in homework, being disrespectful, etc. The children, as a class, can earn baseballs for good behavior. When the class reaches 100 baseballs, they will earn a popcorn party, pajama day, game party, etc.

## Rewards

We will be having a milk break each day. **The children are able to bring their own snacks to enjoy with their milk.** I encourage healthy snacks such as cheese sticks, granola bars, popped popcorn, etc. Please help your child to remember to pack a snack to feed their bodies and minds. 😊 The children are also able to bring a water bottle that has their name on it. I do not allow juice, pop, or any other types of liquid other than water.

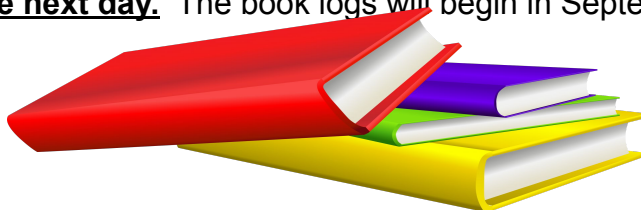


The children will use Accelerated Reader again this year. They will read books on their reading level, and then they will take tests on the Chromebooks that will check their comprehension. We will begin AR in September. I do give grades in Reading based on the children's percentage correct on the tests and if they reach their goal. I will send home a paper that lists your child's book level and goal for the nine weeks.



## ACCELERATED READER

The children will be bringing home books and reading logs on Monday-Wednesday this year. Please have your child read the book to you or someone at home. This will be counted as their reading grade, so in order to receive credit, **YOU will need to initial the log and have your child return it the next day.** The book logs will begin in September.



## READING LOGS

You can help your child with math by practicing math facts each night. Mastery is an expectation because the basic facts are the foundation for most of future math concepts. We will be using the website Zearn.org to practice math concepts and facts. This website goes hand in hand with our Math curriculum. We will also be playing math games in stations each day to practice facts and other skills.

The elementary classrooms are using a math program called Eureka Math. There will be homework most nights, but there shouldn't be anything that the children shouldn't know how to do on their own. We will be doing fact pages called Sprints. Our focus will be to have the children try to improve his/her sprint score. Most of the time, I will not have the children complete a Sprint, Problem Set, or Homework sheet. The reason is that the problems on these sheets get progressively more difficult. The problems are a way to help differentiate work for the children. I will not be taking grades on Sprints or homework; however, I will expect the children to complete the homework problems that I give them. I will take grades on quizzes and assessments. If you ever have any questions, please let me know.



We are implementing a new reading program called Wit and Wisdom. This program is a more rigorous curriculum that will push the children to explore literature deeper and more completely. I will be sending home tip sheets for you along with other important information about the programs as we go on through the year.



This summer our kindergarten - 2nd grade teachers were trained in the Orton-Gillingham reading program. This program has had wonderful success with children, especially those with dyslexia and other reading difficulties. We will be using this program in Literacy Center and our classroom. I will send home more information about this program in the future.

## **IMSE ORTON-GILLINGHAM**

Our spelling this year will go along with the IMSE Orton-Gillingham program. We will have tests each week, but the words that will be tested on are going to be words that we have worked on for a couple of weeks. The first three weeks will be review words from first grade.



1. **Character Counts** – I believe that children deserve respect, and I will expect respect from the children. I always try my best to treat the children with honesty and fairness. We will work on cooperation, trustworthiness, and treating each other with kindness.
2. **Book orders** – I will be sending home a book order every other month. Please write checks out to Scholastic Books. You can also order books online using our class code H9933. When you order online, you have a wider range of books to choose from and can pay using a debit/credit card. Each time you order, our classroom earns points to purchase books for our classroom library. Books make wonderful gifts!
3. **Absences** – Please notify the school office if your child is ill or absent for another reason. If your child is ill, please let the office staff and/or nurse know what he/she is ill with.
4. **Day** – School begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:10pm. Please call or send a note if your child will be going somewhere other than the usual place after school.
5. **Homework folder** – Please check your child's homework folder each night. I will send homework and any important notes home in it. Your child should return the folder each day.

## Miscellaneous Information

**6. Friday folder** – Your child will bring home a Friday Folder with his/her graded papers and classroom newsletters. Please sign the folder and return it the following week.

**7. Birthdays** – You may send a treat for your child's birthday. We will celebrate summer birthdays on half birthday dates. For example, a July 6 birthday would be celebrated on January 6.

**8. School website** – Please check the website at least once a month as I will have a monthly newsletter on there. I will also try and post weekly newsletters, so in case one gets misplaced, you can look on my website.

**9. Skyward** – I will post weekly reminders and other important messages each week on Skyward. Remember to check your child's grades frequently as well.

**10. Homework-** Your child will have homework most nights. Homework teaches children responsibility and allows them to practice the day's concepts. If a child is absent, he/she will have 3 days per day absent to make up work that was missed. If your child is ill, I will give homework to a sibling or put it in the office to be picked up.

**Homework is VERY important for the children to complete.** Failing to turn in daily assignments will put your child behind quickly. It's important for children to have a quiet place at home to complete homework and to do it at the same time each night. The following will be the usual nightly homework:

M-W = Reading logs

M-TH = math homework (workbook page and practice facts and study spelling words

W - study for Spelling, Daily Math and DOL tests on Thursday.



I value and appreciate open communication with my families. If you ever have a question, concern, or suggestions, please reach out to me. Below is a few ways to communicate with me throughout this school year. I look forward to working with your child and with you to make this a successful year for your second grader.

1. Call me. 443-2715
2. Email me. [jrobinson@pcwolves.net](mailto:jrobinson@pcwolves.net)
3. Message me through Skyward.
4. Message me through ClassDojo.
5. Write me a note and put it in your child's homework folder.
6. Write a note in the Friday Folder.
7. Parent/teacher conferences.
8. Weekly and Monthly Newsletters

## **Communication**