

Welcome to second grade! I look forward to working with all of you this year. I believe that by all of us working together we can make this a very successful year. I consider it of prime importance that you be an active part of your child's education.

Homework: Your child has a folder called the "Homework Folder" which will be a vital means of communication for us. The pockets are labeled "Return to School" and "Keep at Home." Homework assignments are given Monday through Thursday. I will send a homework calendar home every Monday for the week. These assignments are to reinforce skills taught at school and should take 15-30 minutes each night. In addition to written assignments, it is also important that you child read for 15-20 minutes every night.

Student Work: Each Tuesday you will receive a weekly report with assignments attached. Please sign the weekly report and return all papers attached. We do a lot of hands-on activities and collaborative projects that integrate all subjects as well as our IB themes.

Conduct: I use a Sign-In system for Conduct grades. Each child will start with a 100 on Monday. Students will receive Sign-Ins after several warnings for not following class rules. Each sign-in is worth 5 points and is deducted from their weekly Conduct grade. The weekly grade on Friday will be reported each week on Weekly Report that is sent home on Tuesday.

Transportation: It is important to know how your child is getting home each day. Please be sure to send in a written note if there is a change in the normal routine.

Attendance: Attendance is also very important. We have a strict attendance policy. If your child must miss school please be sure to send in a written excuse or obtain a doctor's excuse. Please let me know if your child will be leaving early for an appointment.

Water Bottles are allowed.

Please feel free to contact me about anything concerning your child. You can e-mail, or leave me a message at school. I will respond as early possible.

I consider it a great privilege to be your child's teacher this year, and I am looking forward to a great year in 2nd grade!

Sincerely,

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