# 🍎 Welcome to 2nd Grade! 🍎

2025–2026 School Year

Dear Families,  
Welcome to an exciting new school year! I am Mrs. Chenita Edwards, and I am thrilled to have your child in my second-grade class at McBean Elementary. This is my 20th year teaching, with eight years in first grade and twelve in second grade. I’m eager to partner with you to ensure this year is full of growth, discovery, and academic success!

## 🌱 A Year of Growth

Second grade is a special time when students make remarkable progress in reading, math, science, and social skills. My primary goal is to foster a safe, nurturing, and structured environment where your child feels valued and empowered to learn.

## 📬 Parent–Teacher Communication

Strong communication between home and school is essential. I will keep in touch regularly through:  
- Notes - Phone calls  
- Class Dojo - Conferences  
- Behavior charts - Progress reports  
- Report cards

You can reach me at:  
- ✉️ Email: edwarch@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us  
- ☎️ Phone: 706-592-3723  
- 📲 Class Dojo Message  
- 📝 Send a note in your child’s homework folder

## 📊 Grading Scale

 The standards-based report card for grades K-3 will include a grading scale of 1-4.

* 1-Beginning Learner (I am starting to learn this. I can’t do it by myself yet.)
  + 2-Developing Learner (I am starting to understand. Sometimes I may need help or an example.)
  + 3-Proficient Learner (I can do it by myself. I can show how I understand. I make little to no mistakes.)
  + 4-Distinguished Learner (I am working on a higher level. I can explain how to do this. I can teach others.)
  + If an indicator is not measured during the grading period, the student will NOT receive a mark on the report card.

**Attendance:**We require all children to be in school daily, unless they are sick. Students who are absent from school are encouraged to bring a written excuse for their absence on the first day back at school (parent note or doctor note). The school will accept and count 5 days of absences from a parent, but the remaining absences should be documented by your child’s doctor. All excessive absences and tardiness will be reported to DFCS.

## 🚗 Changes in Transportation

Safety is our top priority. If there is a change in your child's usual method of returning home, please provide a written note or call the school office at 706-592-3723.  
❌ Do not send transportation changes through Class Dojo.  
✅ All car riders will be dismissed through the school cafeteria. Please remain in your car, and teachers will escort students out.

## 📚 Homework

Your child will bring home a homework folder Monday through Thursday. Please ensure the folder returns daily with completed assignments. Also, review spelling words, sight words, and vocabulary each night. Be sure to check the folder daily for important notices and documents.  
📝 If you need to send a doctor’s note or other paperwork, place it inside the folder.

## 🍎 Healthy Snacks

Students may bring a daily snack if desired. This is optional and not provided by the school unless donations are made.  
  
✅ Acceptable snacks include:  
- Granola bars - Popcorn  
- Pretzels - Baked chips  
- Fruit cups - Fruit gummies  
- Juice boxes - Animal or cheese crackers

❌ Candy and soda are not allowed.  
🎁 Class snack donations are always appreciated!

I am so excited about the adventures and learning that await us this year. Thank you in advance for your support and involvement. Together, we’ll make this a fantastic year for your child!  
  
Warmly,

Mrs. Chenita Edwards  
2nd Grade Teacher

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