

# Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!

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I've lived in Augusta, GA for 12 years; this is my 8th year teaching

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My teaching philosophy revolves around these three ideas: students should feel safe and loved in the classroom, all students deserve the right to learn, and learning should be FUN!

## **All about 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!**

Second grade is a huge transition year from early elementary (Pre-K–1<sup>st</sup>) to upper elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>). Students will become more independent, assume more responsibility, and grow tremendously. In second grade we build upon phonics skills, dig deeper into text through strengthening reading comprehension skills, investigate place value, become more fluent in our math facts, learn how to add and subtract 3-digit numbers, tell time, use measurement and graphs, and become global learners as we get more acquainted with our state and world. We will be very busy this year!

## **Classroom Expectations:**

Please review the "Classroom Rules" on Canvas before our first Zoom Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. I expect students and parents to follow these essential agreements for Live Virtual Learning (Zoom Meetings).

## **Conduct:**

I utilize ClassDojo daily for behavior and parent communication so please make sure to download the app and get connected with our class. I will contact parents through the messaging feature on ClassDojo if a problem arises during one of our Zoom Meetings. Please address the issue promptly and/or communicate any additional questions or concerns.

## **Assignment Policy**

Daily assignments will be assigned through Canvas. Students will work on those assignments during their daily asynchronous (independent) instruction time. I expect all assignments to be completed and/or submitted to me by Friday afternoon of each week. I will definitely address

individual needs (technology issues, assignment extensions, etc.) as they arise. Please let me know how I can help you through messaging me on ClassDojo.

### **iReady**

It is required students complete 30-60 minutes of Reading **AND** Math instruction per week in iReady. This will begin until after the first diagnostic test is administered. It is crucial that students complete their diagnostic tests INDEPENDENTLY with no help from parents. If I suspect that a parent interfered with the diagnostic test, then the student will need to be retested immediately. Please comply with this request.

### **Parent Contact/Conferences:**

I will post daily announcements on ClassDojo.

We have a built-in Teacher Tutoring time slot from 11:00-12:00 Monday - Thursday. If your child needs additional help on a specific skill, concept, or assignment, and you would like to schedule a tutoring session (Zoom Meeting), please let me know through ClassDojo and I will make sure to adhere to your request as soon as I can.

The Richmond County School System has also adopted a 24/7 Tutoring App available to all students through their LaunchPad. Please go to the district website ([rcboe.org](http://rcboe.org)) and search 'FEV Tutor' for more information.

I may call/text you on my personal cell phone. If this happens and you have my personal cell phone number, please be respectful of my personal information. Please only contact me through ClassDojo or call the school and leave a message for me. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I am beyond excited to get this school year started. Thank you for entrusting me with your child and I look forward to getting to know each family this year!

If there is anything you need, please let me know!