

WELCOME!!!

Mrs. McLaughlin's Class Disclosure

Welcome to a new school year! I am looking forward to an exciting year with your student. This disclosure includes helpful information for the school year and important guidelines, rules, and policies that will help our classroom function well. Please read through this information to get a better idea of how our classroom works! Feel free to ask me any questions you may have.

Please click the [link](#) to e-sign the class disclosure **AFTER** reading it.

Contact Information/Availability: I will be at Quest Academy from 8:00 – 4:00 Monday - Friday. I will respond to emails within the hours of 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Email: pmclaughlin@questac.org

Student School Schedule: Monday - Thursday: 8:25am - 3:10pm and Friday/Early Out: 8:30am - 1:10pm.

Food Permission: At times we may have a snack/treat in class. These snacks/treats may follow a lesson to better help with understanding/comprehension of a specific topic. Please sign the Food Permission Form [here](#).

Curriculum: We focus on the Common Core curriculum. You can access the Common Core curriculum on [UEN.org](#) or click [here](#).

Communication: One of the main tools I use to share information with you will be through our CLASS BLOG. Please check the blog regularly so that you make sure you are staying up to date with classroom events and other updates. You can access my class blog by going to Quest Academy's website, clicking on "Faculty" at the top of the page, selecting "Faculty K-5", scrolling down to my picture, hovering over the bottom right side of my picture and clicking on the computer icon. The website is linked [here](#) or type <http://qacblogs.org/preslee.mclaughlin/>. I strongly encourage you to **SUBSCRIBE** to the blog (you can subscribe at the very bottom of the blog. Just input your email address then click subscribe). When you subscribe you will get email notifications when there is a new post.

Grading: Understanding where students are in relation to MASTERY of Common Core Standards help teachers and parents know if students need additional support. At Quest Academy, students' grades are determined by student performance on various assessments. Students are given multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery and proficiency. For example, if a student receives a below proficiency score, he/she will not only be retaught, but will also have the opportunity to raise his/her score by retaking the assessment multiple times throughout the school year. We are excited for the opportunities offered to our students for academic growth.

4 = 100% - 90%: The student demonstrates mastery of the standard.

3 = 89% - 80%: The student demonstrates proficiency of the standard.

2 = 79% - 60%: The student is approaching proficiency.

1 = 59% - 0%: The student is well below proficiency.

Homework: Homework is not mandatory, but highly encouraged to help your student throughout the year.

Read:

It is highly encouraged that students read 20 minutes a night, 5 nights a week. Students will be sent home a reading log at the first of the week. They will mark/color part of the picture for every 20 minutes read throughout the week. They can turn the log in on Fridays for a sticker!

Math:

Learning math facts is crucial for building a strong foundation in mathematics and developing computational fluency. I highly encourage you to practice math facts 5 minutes a day. Using simple flash cards, tablets apps or games are a great way to practice growing this skill.

Homework Folders:

Each child will have a HOMEWORK FOLDER to take back and forth from school to home.

FRONT POCKET: The front pocket will have their homework for the week. There will be a FAST AND FLUENT page that follows our WONDERS curriculum so you can better help your student at home. This page includes a list of sentences, spelling pattern words and sight words for the week.

BACK POCKET: The back pocket will have completed work. Please keep their completed work papers at home and empty the folder out each week. I strongly encourage you to look through these with your child and celebrate their work. They will want to share what they have been working on and your interest in their work is a great motivator to always do their best!!

FOLDER DIRECTIONS: Please RETURN this folder with any papers they may need to return AND their LIBRARY book every MONDAY. I will send their folder back home with them that same day. (Library is on MONDAY so it makes it easier to only remember to bring things one day a week.)

Classroom Rules:

1. I can listen when my teacher or someone else is talking.
2. I can follow directions quickly.
3. I can keep my hands and feet to myself.
4. I can raise my hand to ask for help.
5. I will be safe, be kind, and be honest.

Behavior: Second Grade provides a chance to learn social skills. I follow the Love and Logic principles of discipline. Children learn expectations and gain understanding of following those expectations. A classroom setup with clear expectations fosters more learning. We have rules and procedures in place for success. Practicing procedures helps create a safe and comfortable environment where learning can take place. Should a situation arise that a child demonstrates extreme behaviors I will be in communication with their parents so that we can work together to fix any problems.

Rewards: Students will have an opportunity to earn "Class Money" for positive behavior. If a student is following directions, listening, helping clean up, etc. they will earn class money. About every other Friday of the month, they can use their money at class store. Coupons include: Treasure Box, Teacher Chair, Bring a Stuffed Animal to School, Coloring Page, etc. This is a great motivator for students and helps reinforce positive behaviors.

Classroom Supplies/Donations: It's easiest to make a cash donation and I take care of all the supplies. How to make a donation can be found on our blog under "Classroom Supplies" or linked [here](#). Additionally, donations of your time are critical to our class success.

Volunteering in the Classroom: I love to have parent volunteers. I will send out emails for volunteers, this will be first come, first serve. We do need class store volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for this you can sign up [here](#).

Student of the Week/Celebrations: When it is close to your child's birthday watch for a "Star Student" POSTER to come home to complete and return. I celebrate all summer birthdays on their half birthday. I will highlight each student as we celebrate their birthday. Some children choose to bring a non food item to share with their classmates. (We have 27 students in our class.) **As per Quest's Wellness policy, I ask that students do not bring any food-type treats.** PLEASE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT BRING IN ANYTHING FOR HIS/HER BIRTHDAY, doing so is completely optional.

School Calendar: Please be familiar with the school calendar for "early out" or "no school days". Parent teacher Conferences are listed as PTC. You can view/obtain a [copy of the calendar from the Quest Academy website](#).

Name Badges: Each student is given a name badge at the beginning of the year and is required to wear them. These badges should remain at the school each day. If your child forgets to remove their badge at the end of the day, please have them immediately put it somewhere they will remember to wear it to school the next day. If the badge becomes lost or destroyed, a new one will need to be purchased in the school office for \$5.00.

Dress Code: ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORMS. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children wear the designated school uniform clothing as outlined on the Quest Website. [For your convenience click here for this information.](#)

Illness: I do my best to prevent the spreading of germs. It can be hard to know if your child is really sick or not, but please do not send your child to school if you suspect they are ill. Keep your child at home if they have had a fever in the past 24 hours. If you have taken them to the doctors and they have been given an antibiotic they need to be on that for at least 24 hours prior to sending them to school. If they have had something highly contagious such as strep throat or pink eye, always ask your health provider what the appropriate time frame is before sending them to school.

Classroom Disclosure to be READ and Completed: This can be done by clicking on this link: [Classroom Disclosure Form Signature](#). If you need a physical copy to complete, I can provide that.