



*Welcome to*

# **Second Grade**



*A Parent's Survival Guide to  
Second Grade*



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Don't forget to join Parent Square.

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you this year. It's going to be a very fun and exciting year!

There is a lot of important information in this "Survival Guide". Please keep this guide handy so that you can refer to it when needed.



**Attendance:** If your child will be absent, please notify the school office (817-598-2910) and/or update on the school dismissal app.

**Arrival:** Doors open at 7:15. Breakfast is available at 7:15 in the cafeteria. If children come to school before 7:35, they are to report to the gym for supervised time. All students will report to the classroom at 7:35. Class will begin at 7:50. Children should be in the classroom and ready to learn at this time. Any students arriving to the classroom after 7:50 will be marked tardy and must enter through the main entrance.



**Birthdays:** Second graders love to celebrate their birthdays at school. If you would like to send treats, please let me know. We will do birthday snacks at the end of the day so it would be best to send them in the morning or bring them to the office during the day. Please send birthday snacks that will be easy and quick to enjoy. Please do not send cookie cakes, cakes or anything that requires cutting. Invitations to birthday parties may not be given out at school unless the entire class is invited or every boy or every girl.



**Communications:** It is very important for the teacher and the parents to have an open line of communication. It may be a note, a phone call, Parent Square Messages or an email. We both need to be aware of special circumstances that may be affecting your child. Please feel free to contact me any time you have a concern.

**Please sign up for the Parent Square App. This is our most consistent communication tool.**



**Dismissal:** School is dismissed at 3:30. You will need the school dismissal app to indicate how your child is getting home. Please make sure any changes in dismissal are made by 2 pm and noted in the app. K-2 car riders will be picked up along the southwest side of the building. **Have your child's name displayed in the window.** Please contact the front office with any questions or concerns.



**Emergencies:** Sometimes the school will need to contact you during the day. Please make sure we have the correct emergency information on file. If your phone number changes or you have a job change, let the office know so we can update your contact information.



**Folders:** Students will have one folder that they are expected to take home and bring back daily. Teachers will write a smiley face for a good day, or put any necessary notes about your child's day. Please initial the calendar square each night.



**Grades:** Your child will receive a report card every six weeks. Your child's reading level along with proficiency levels for different learning standards will be given.



**Homework:** Students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes each night Monday through Thursday. Each night, students and/ or parents will need to complete the reading log located in your child's take home folder. Please take care of any books your child brings home and return them daily. We will also send home Tic-Tac-Toe boards containing optional math enrichment activities.



**Internet:** Your child will use the internet often this year. We will be working in the computer lab, as well as in the classroom. We will be doing research for different projects as well as working on IXL to practice reading and math skills.



**Lunch:** Our lunch is from 1:00-1:30. The second graders go to recess first, then eat lunch. Any remaining open food and beverages will need to be disposed of before the child leaves the cafeteria. Parents may eat with their children but only with their own child at the parents table. Students may not invite a friend to eat with them. Parents are not allowed to eat at the student lunch table. We will also have a 5 min. silent time entering the cafeteria and at the end of the lunch period.



**Medicine:** If your child needs to take any kind of medicine during the school day, it must be kept in the nurse's clinic. Please bring the medication to the nurse with the medication form. **This includes cough drops.** Please contact the nurse if you need a form.



**Newsletter:** Each week, an electronic S'More newsletter will be sent through Parent Square. It will highlight the things that are happening in our school.



**Parties:** We will have three classroom parties this year as listed below. Please remember to sign up with the room mom to help as needed. The room mom will be responsible for planning the activities/items needed. She will be in touch as the time gets closer.

Halloween	October 30
Christmas	December 18
Field Day	May 18



**P.E.** It is important that your child takes part in this learning experience. Tennis shoes are required for P.E. If for some reason your child is not able to take part in recess and PE, Coach Garcia must have a written note. Please note: School policy states that if a

child is unable to participate in PE, he or she will not be allowed to participate in recess.



**PTA:** Please plan to join PTA - let's see if our class can have 100% membership! You may visit [joinpta.org](http://joinpta.org) to become a member.

**Recess:** We will have recess daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child appropriately.



**School Supplies:** Please make sure your child has all school supplies requested. Many of these will be shared in communities at the tables. If there is a problem with getting the needed supplies, please contact me. We will let you know if any items need to be replenished throughout the year.



**Snacks:** Please send a pre portioned, healthy, non-sugary, non-utensil snack and water bottle with your child daily. We do not have an assigned snack calendar. **Non Flavored WATER ONLY** in water bottles, please.



**Tardies:** Students should be in the classroom by 7:50. If your student arrives late, please have him/her stop by the office to get a tardy pass. Any student arriving to the classroom after 7:50 will be marked tardy.



**Visitors:** We love to have visitors! Moms, dads, grandparents.... Remember anytime you come to school you have to check in at the office to receive a visitor's badge. If you plan to volunteer at our school you will need to fill out a background check. This takes up to 2 weeks to be approved, so filling it out at the beginning of the year is usually the best idea. Note: due to security, visitors are not allowed in the classrooms.



**Water:** Your child needs to bring a water bottle to school. It needs to have a "pop-up" top. Please put your child's name on the water bottle. Remember, please **Non Flavored WATER ONLY** in the water bottles.

I am e**X**cited to work with **Y**ou and Your child this **Y**ear!! Make sure  
he/she gets plenty of **ZZZZZ**'s each night as we have exciting and  
busy days planned for this year. Thank you for sharing your children  
with me. I know we will have a great year!

