

Dear Families,

Welcome to second grade! We are looking forward to an exciting year in our classroom. Here is some information to help you and your child during the first few days of school.

The Second Grade Team:

Second grade is being taught by Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Bohon, Mrs. Catanzarite, Mrs. Hoyer, Mrs. Kakiou, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Pasquale, and me. We will work together during our team planning to create collaborative learning activities.

Our Schedule (Room 215)

(The schedule is in the back pocket protector of their take-home folders ;-)

<u>Day A</u>	Computers	10:25-11:05
<u>Day B</u>	Gym	10:25-11:05
<u>Day C</u>	Art	10:25-11:05
<u>Day D</u>	Library	10:25-11:05
<u>Day E</u>	Music	10:25-11:05

Arrival: 8:45-9:15

Lunch: 1:00-1:30

Recess: 1:30-1:50

Dismissal: 3:15-3:35

★ Important Reminders:

- If you need to take your child out of school early, please send a note to school indicating the time of dismissal. If your child is going home with another student, riding a different bus home, attending Latchkey, or being picked up by you or another adult, a note is required. When your child is absent from school, please send an excuse within 3 days of the absence.

(Please turn over.)

- Please make sure their take-home folders and ipads are brought back to school each day and charged. I have headsets for them, but you may bring your own as well.
- Homework plays an important role in teaching students about responsibility. It will be assigned Monday-Thursday. It will cover the topics that we've gone over in class. Please guide your children only when they need it. Completing homework neatly, completely, and on time are all part of the student's responsibility.
- Our district will be adopting a universal communication system, but this will not start until mid-September. Our class will use the Remind app temporarily until this happens. Please sign up so that we can have instant communication starting the first week of school.

★ **Curriculum:**

- The second grade curriculum provides your child with whole group, small group, partner, and individual learning experiences. The curriculum also provides your child with the opportunity to develop interpersonal skills.
- Our Eureka math curriculum focuses on many skills and concepts. We will follow the common core standards to gain a deeper understanding of these concepts. As the year progresses we will work with place value, strategies to master addition and subtraction facts, larger number addition and subtraction, time, money, linear measurement, geometry, data collection, problem solving, and introductory multiplication/division.
- In language arts, we use the Amplify CKLA curriculum. Students will experience shared, partner, and independent reading throughout each week. Your child will also have the opportunity to participate in the Accelerated Reader program.
- Please encourage neatness in all of your child's schoolwork. We will review lowercase and uppercase printed letters as we begin the year.

★ **Classroom Behavior Expectations:**

- To maintain a positive learning environment, maximize learning experiences, and ensure the safety of the students, I have the following behavioral expectations:
 - Raise your hand to speak.
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

- Walk quietly in the halls.
- Respect others' feelings and property.
(Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated)
- Whole Body Listening - listening with your:
 - Eyes - looking at the speaker
 - Mouth - red voice (no voice)
 - Hands - "ready hands" - quiet body
 - Feet - "ready feet" - quiet body
 - Heart - Care about learning and the students and adults that are in the building.
 - Brain - Think about what you are learning when answering questions and doing your work.
- These expectations are a part of our School Wide Positive Behavior Initiative of showing the "Warrior Way." By following our classroom rules, the students will "Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready!" They may even earn blue tickets or become "Warrior of the Month." I will contact you promptly should a concern arise with any of these expectations.

★ Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have throughout the year. My email address is: cforney@centralvalleysd.net, and my extension is 62064. Visit my class webpage to find out what's happening in room 215.

★ **Please call the school secretary in case of an emergency. I'm not always able to check my email in the afternoon or on Remind before the students are dismissed.**

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We will work together so your child has the best second grade experience possible!!

Sincerely,

Carla Forney

