



# 2ND GRADE

## handbook

**MISS KILGORE & MISS COLE**

**Classroom Expectations:** We expect students to follow the school-wide rules to “Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful” to create a positive learning environment for all children.

**Pick Up & Drop Off:** Second-grade students will enter the building through the main or rear doors with an older sibling. **Students must be accompanied by an adult on school grounds before 8:20.**

**STAR Folders:** STAR stands for Students Taking Academic Responsibility. This **yellow folder** will be used as our daily communication between home and school. In second grade, one skill that we work on all year is *responsibility*. Students are expected to bring it home every night and return it back to school the next day. It will hold all classroom papers such as important fliers, classwork, Tiger Tracker, and homework. Each section is labeled and will help your student become more responsible and accountable! *Please encourage your second grader to show you this **each night**.*

**Behavior Management:** All second-grade classes will be utilizing a daily clip chart and a “Tiger Tracker” point system. As a school, we utilize “Tiger Tickets”. If a student is being respectful, responsible, or safe, the student will receive a ticket. The tickets go into a bucket for a schoolwide drawing each Friday. For each “Tiger Ticket” earned, students will be able to clip up on the classroom chart. At the end of the day, students will record their points on their “Tiger Tracker” located inside their STAR folders. Students will then be able to use their points on various class prizes. We would encourage you to look in their folder daily to keep track of your student’s behavior.

**Departmentalization:** Throughout the year, students may transition between classrooms, based on students’ needs, particularly in the subjects of math and reading. This helps us focus on specific needs and provide the best instruction to each child.

**Grades:** Parents can view all grades on Synergy (ParentVUE). It would be beneficial for both students and parents to have regular access to Synergy to stay informed about their child's progress throughout the year. Grades will be updated weekly.

**Homework:** Students will receive homework packets on Mondays and are encouraged to return them on Fridays. The homework will review second-grade skills and strategies taught throughout that week. In addition, we will also have reading logs every month. Students will track their reading progress at home and turn it in on the first day of every month.

**Newsletter:** The 2nd Grade newsletter will be shared with parents and families on our "Second Grade Class Page" and updated weekly in your child's Star folder. Please make sure to read the newsletter for important dates, information, and our week's learning.

**Water Bottles:** We encourage all students to bring a closed water bottle to school. We have installed water bottle filling stations for our students' convenience and safety. **Water bottles will be sent home every day for cleaning.**

**Lunch:** Our lunch time is 11:20-11:40. After lunch, from 11:40-11:55, students will have W.I.N. time. This is the time for students to read to themselves, make up for missing work, or sit in TAPS.

**Leveled Recess:** We will continue to implement our school-wide restricted recess system, put in place for preventative measures. If a student earns three warnings in a month, they will move to leveled recess. Students will bring home a letter from their teacher informing you of this change. Each month, they will start over with a clean slate.

Level 1: Walk the outside of the blacktop without talking.

Level 2: Stay inside a Foursquare location with one friend of choice.

Level 3: Pick one activity on the blacktop.

Level 4: Choose one activity on the blacktop or wood chips.

Level 5: Regular recess, but with one warning.

**Counselor:** Kaylee Brenner is our Hitchcock counselor and is available throughout the week. She will do a lesson with our class every week and pull small groups with parent permission.

**Gym/Music:** Specials will be M, T, TH, F from 2:55 - 3:25 pm. On Wednesdays, specials are at 1:55- 2:25 pm. Please make sure your child is wearing tennis shoes on gym days.

**ART:** We will have an art lesson once a week, on Tuesdays.

**Birthday Celebration:** All students will be awarded a birthday crown and a pencil and recognized over the intercom during our morning announcements. Please remember that birthday treats/candy are not allowed, for the safety of all students!

**Spirit Wear Day:** On Fridays, students are encouraged to wear Hitchcock color shirts to show our tiger pride! Yellow, white, and blue are our school colors.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice a year, in October and March. More information will be provided as conference dates approach!

**Contact:** Please feel free to contact Miss Kilgore or Miss Cole at any time throughout the year. Email is the quickest way of communication, but please call if necessary.

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