

Welcome to Second Grade!

I am extremely happy to welcome you and your child to our second grade classroom. I look forward to sharing fun and fulfilling learning experiences with your child this school year. Below you will find some of the classroom procedures for this year.

Attendance

Many 2nd grade learning activities are partner or group-oriented and require interaction with classmates. Please view school as a priority and ensure that your child arrives on time (unpacked and seated by 9:15) and attends each day. If your child is absent due to illness, medical appointments, or emergencies, a written excuse should be sent with your child when they return to school.

Dismissal

If your child's transportation changes for the day, please let me know **in writing (email, text or written note)**. If the change occurs later in the day, please also contact the office at 919-870-4200. They will contact me with the information. Dismissal begins each day at 3:40 with our carpool riders.

Homework

Research is showing that homework at this grade level has no significant effect on a student's performance in school. It also shows that play time and family time have a more positive effect on school performance. As a result, we will only have reading homework nightly. Students are expected to read aloud **the books in their book bag each night and have their reading log signed**. Students may also practice their basic math facts for at least 5 minutes each night. Written homework in Math may be given, as needed, for practice on a specific skill that is covered in class.

Word Work

Word Work lists come home each week in your child's homework folder. Homework is not given in word work, but you may choose from the list of activities that will be provided to help your child study and prepare for the Word Work assessment on Fridays.

Behavior

We encourage a positive discipline management system at LES. Students earn Cub Cash for going out of their way to help others in our room. Our class can also earn Pride Paws for great behavior in public areas such as the hallways, bathrooms or cafeteria. In our room, we will use a color chart. Students begin each day on green. They may earn additional Cub Cash for making good choices in class and following class rules. Students may also move to yellow (warning) for choosing not to follow classroom rules or not completing assignments. If the student continues making choices that disrupt the class, the student will move to red. At the end of the day, we will reflect on successes and opportunities for growth. Each student will be expected to record the color they earned for parent review. They will have a behavior calendar in their homework folder to track their success each day. **Please check their behavior calendar nightly.** It will be kept in their "Homework Folder". Students will earn Cub Cash at the end of the week if they ended each day on green.

Friday Folders

Student work will come home every week in a Friday Folder. Parents and children should review the contents of the folder together. The student work does not need to be returned. A weekly score of 1, 2 or 3 will be given for work habits and classroom conduct. **Please sign the folder and send it back on Mondays.**

Snack

We will have a floating snack this year. Students may eat one quick finger food snack sometime during the day. This will be a “working snack” and should be dry, as well as nutritious. Examples might be: cereal/granola bars, crackers, pretzels, trail mix or cheese. Please no candy, juice or sodas. Also, we have a designated “Watering Hole” where each student can store a water bottle to use throughout the day. I will be sure all water bottles are sent home on Fridays for cleaning if they prefer not bringing home daily. :)

Volunteers and Chaperones

If you wish to volunteer in the classroom or chaperone one of our field trips, please make sure to register with Wake County. Volunteer registration or renewal must be completed on a Wake County Public School computer and is always available in our media center. Please do this early in the school year as it sometimes takes awhile for volunteer clearance to be granted.

Contact

You may contact me anytime at jbooth@wcpss.net . Please note that I may not be able to check email during instructional time so if there is something urgent, please call 919-870-4200. You may also text or call my mobile at 850-420-5515.

I look forward to a great year!

Julie Booth