



The beginning of a new school year is a "fresh start" for students and a time to set goals for the year ahead. As you talk with your child about the expectations you share, you may wish to emphasize the IB Learner Profile and Attitudes that characterize the attributes of successful students. Such students establish goals and practice self-management skills. They make sure they have materials needed to do their work, both at home and at school. They keep track of their assignments and recognize their responsibility to do their best!

To make this school year run as smoothly as possible, we have provided information regarding our power teams, homework practices, attendance, shared classroom, and needed supplies.

POWER TEAMS

The second grade will be switching classrooms for language arts and mathematics. You will receive letters once school has begun indicating your child's reading and math teachers. These teams are flexible. Data is reviewed regularly to ensure all students are receiving the appropriate level of support.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned daily from your child's reading & math classes. Additionally, all students are expected to read at least 15-20 minutes per day.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and tardiness is monitored. If your child is absent, please send a note/email to your child's teacher or call the office indicating the reason. School doors open at 8:45 a.m. and students are expected to be in their classrooms no later than 9:00 a.m. Tardiness and consistent absences will negatively impact your child's progress. **We discourage vacations while school is in session. Your child will miss valuable instructional time, which cannot be made up.**

RESPONSIBILITY

We encourage your children to become responsible students! Please support the teachers by refraining from walking your child to class after the first full week of school. If you need to speak with a teacher, please contact the teacher to make an appointment. After the bell rings, the teachers are engaged in monitoring the students. Another important responsibility to work on with your child is getting in the habit of checking their backpacks each night to make sure they have what is needed for the school day ahead.

SNACK

Students will have a few minutes each morning to have snack in the classroom. Children should bring their own snack from home. The snacks should be NUT FREE.

SHARED CLASSROOM

There will be one shared classroom this year. The teaching responsibilities will be shared equally and both teachers will be available for any questions or concerns families may have throughout the year. The first teacher will begin each week with the children on Mondays & Tuesdays, the second teacher will be with the children on Wednesdays & Thursdays, and the teachers will alternate Fridays with the class.

Teachers sharing a classroom will both be present for report card conferences, and will collaborate on all assessments, classroom planning, and curriculum development. Teachers will be in daily communication with each other, as well as families, colleagues, and administration to ensure the success of each student in their class. As always, our grade level is dedicated to working together to be sure the children in each classroom have a prosperous year of learning and fun!

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES STUDENTS WILL NEED:

- **Each student needs:** Pencil case or box with a pack of pencils, 2 erasers, a box of 16 or 24 crayons, a pair of scissors, and 2 glue sticks. Some of these items will be kept in their language arts class.
- **To be given to the teacher:** a package of black Expo markers, a box of pencils, a box of tissues, 1 container of Lysol wipes
- **Each homeroom teacher will provide a homework folder, classroom folders and notebooks to begin the year.**



*Thank you,
The Second Grade Team*