

Mrs. Miller's



2nd Grade Handbook
2022-2023

September 6, 2022

Dear Families,

I am very excited about being your child's 2nd grade teacher and am looking forward to a year full of learning and growing together!

I would like to let you know a little bit about me so that we can become better acquainted. I live in Allegany with my husband, Todd. He teaches 3rd grade here at ALES! We have a six-year-old daughter, Finley Marie, and a four-year-old son, Trey Michael. I obtained my undergrad and graduate degrees from St. Bonaventure University. This is my 9th year teaching full-time for ALES. This will be my third-year teaching second grade. I have taught every grade but pre-k and fourth!

I believe that communication between home and school is important in the educational process. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have during the school year by email (smiller@alcsny.org) with notes or by calling my phone at school, (716) 375-6600 ext. 4137. At the beginning of the year, I would particularly like to find out as much as I can about your child: what teaching strategies have worked/not worked in the past, areas that they excel/struggle in, health concerns, any family issues I should be made aware of, etc. My top priority is to work with you and your child to ensure his or her success in school this year.

In this handbook you will find some basic information about second grade and our classroom. Please keep this in a handy spot to refer back to during the year. I'm looking forward to a great year of working together!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Mrs. Stephanie Miller

Mrs. S. Miller's 2nd Grade Class List

2022-2023

Anthony B.

Lucas B.

Natalie C.

Alec C.

Pauleena F.

Taylen H.

Nolan I.

Lily L.

Alivia M.

Oden M.

Mara O.

Amiyah R.

Aerika S.

Torren S.

Julian S.

Liam S.

Bryceson W.

Our Daily Special Schedule

**Please note that our day begins at 7:50AM. If your child is not in the classroom by that time, they will be considered tardy and need to report to the main office for a tardy slip. Dismissal is after the final bell at 2:39PM.

Monday: Library & Phys. Ed.

Tuesday: Chorus

Wednesday: Music & Art

Thursday: Phys. Ed. & Computers

Friday: Phys. Ed.

*Note which days your child will need sneakers for phys. ed. Please also note that library books will be due on Mondays. This is a great way to encourage responsibility and ask that they pack their own backpacks.

Lunch: Our lunch will be from 10:37-11:16 each day. Every elementary student receives one breakfast and one lunch at no charge. The free meals are ONLY for the elementary. If you have a child in the middle/high school, they will need lunch money. If in past years you qualified for free/reduced lunches, we ask that you still fill out that form, let me know if you need one!

Snacks: We will have time for snack each day. Please send something in with your child daily. Something nutritious would be appreciated, no candy please. Please also send in a snack that can be eaten in 10-15 minutes. I also recommend sending a water bottle with your child. We do have access to a refill station! I usually have some snacks on hand for the chance a student forgets. If you would like to donate extra snacks for the basket, I would appreciate that!

Birthdays: Feel free to send in a special treat to help celebrate your child's birthday; I am sure our class would love it! If your child's birthday falls during a time when we are not in school, i.e. weekends or vacations, we usually celebrate the Friday before or Monday after. If your child has a summer birthday, I typically celebrate those during the month of June with a "Summer Celebration".

Holidays/Special Interests/Cultures: Our classroom will be holding celebrations for various holidays. However, I encourage any family that may recognize or celebrate other holidays to let me know. We would love to have you come visit our classroom to share and teach us more about your special celebrations and traditions. I feel it's important to celebrate the diversity we have here in our classroom! In order to avoid an overabundance of sweets and sugary snacks, I will send home a signup sheet for each celebration as the time draws near.

Parent Volunteers: We may have activities throughout the year involving parents. Please look for more information to be sent home regarding these special events when the time comes. All volunteers must be pre-approved by the Board of Education each year, so please be sure to fill out the form provided by our Main Office.

Green Parent/Teacher Communicator Folders (Take-Home Folder): These are the same green folders your child has had in previous years. It should travel to and from school with your child each day. Your child should use this folder for any notes from home and also transporting homework to and from school. Students will also put their mail in this folder, placing items to be kept at home in one pocket and items to be returned to school in the other. The back of the folder has your child's special schedule. Please encourage your child to empty their folder on their own. Taking ownership in their work! If it does come back full, I will just remind them that as second graders, they are responsible for sharing their work and important papers.

Newsletters: I will be sending home newsletters on a weekly basis to keep you informed about what we are doing and special events as well. This will also include the spelling words for the upcoming week.

Homework: Your second grader will have weekly homework. I will send this home on Mondays and it will be due on Fridays. This shouldn't take longer than fifteen minutes. If you notice your child is taking longer than this, please have them stop and indicate that on the incomplete page. The assigned homework is meant to be a review of skills previously taught. Please know that homework should be completed independently, but I do ask that you look over their work for any obvious errors.

Grading: I try to do my best to correct and send papers home each day. Sometimes it is difficult to get them all corrected. There are always corrections that need to be done...and our days are full from beginning to end. As far as grading is concerned, I figure a numerical grade based on the number of problems/questions. On your child's paper, I usually will put an "x" or circle errors along with the number of problems/questions answered correctly at the top of the page. Papers will be sent home once all corrections have been made. I will mark corrections with a "C". Please be aware that not all papers will be taken for a grade. At the end of each quarter, your child will be bringing home a report card.

Spelling: Spelling lists will begin with Unit 1 in second grade. You can expect 10 words each week, and your child will be tested every Friday on these words. While we play games and practice these words in school, spelling words are something that need to be primarily practiced at home! As the year progresses, the words become harder and the lists do become longer.

Classroom Management: Classroom expectations are posted in the room.

1. Work as a team.
2. Be responsible.
3. Listen to others.
4. Be respectful to everyone.
5. Be kind and helpful.
6. Do your best.

I do give the students “class cash” for positive behavior. When they interrupt learning or teaching because they aren’t doing one of the six expectations, they do have to pay me! On Fridays I open the “Class Cash Store” and the students are able to purchase a variety of different items. They also get class cash if they complete homework and payday is Friday!

Classroom Facebook: I do have a classroom Facebook. This is used to post about upcoming events, reminders of important information and to share pictures of our learning. You can find my page by searching; Mrs. S. Miller. Remember, if you wish for your child to not be included in pictures, I need a note from home. This will be shared with the main office to ensure your child’s picture isn’t used on other platforms or publications.

Code of Conduct and School Computer, Acceptable Use Policy: In addition to our class’ handbook, please take the time to go over the Allegany-Limestone Code of Conduct and the Acceptable Use Policy for our computers with your child. They should have come home during the summer mailing. If you no longer have a copy, let me know and I can get you another copy!

Thank you again for being such a huge part of your child’s success in the classroom. I look forward to working with you all and can’t wait for our year to kick off!

Mrs. S. Miller

Please return this portion by September 12, 2022.

I have read through the classroom handbook with my child and understand that if at any time I have questions/concerns I can contact Mrs. Miller.

----- (student's name)

----- (parent/guardian signature)