



Second Grade Information

The Classical Academy North Elementary



Welcome to 2nd grade!

Information for Parents



Newsletter:

The TCA North Elementary Second Grade Newsletter will be posted on the TCA North Elementary Second Grade website for parents. Please be sure to read the newsletter each week as it will contain vital information in helping you stay connected to what is happening in second grade. Teachers will either email the newsletter or a link .



Schoolwork/Homework:

IF YOUR CHILD IS SPENDING MORE THAN 30 MINUTES A NIGHT ON HOMEWORK (NOT INCLUDING 20 minutes of READING) PLEASE TALK TO THEIR TEACHER.

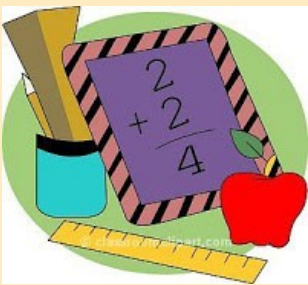
Spalding

Students will continue to practice and develop deeper understanding of the 70+ phonograms and rules of the English language. Sentence construction will be emphasized, and students will begin to learn the characteristics of exemplary writing. A spelling test will be given each week covering the words that they have been analyzing during the week. These lists will be in the newsletters and located on the second-grade website under Curriculum Overview.

****Even though we will study the words in class, please also help your child study the spelling words at home for their weekly spelling tests.**

Literature

Your child will be hearing, reading, and retelling quality literature and reciting classic poetry. Your child should always have a book in his/her desk to read during silent reading time and when assignments are completed. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure at home. The best way to do this is to read often with your children, listening to them and reading to them. Try to find books that you both enjoy and have fun together!



Dimensions Math

Homework will be assigned approximately 4 nights a week. For most students, this will take about 15 minutes to complete. Please look over your child's work to make sure they are understanding the concepts. Your child should bring home and return this homework in their take-home folder/backpack each day. Also, please help your child practice math facts as an additional part of their homework. By the end of second grade, the expectations is that all students will have learned 0-20 addition and subtraction facts, as well as 2,3, 4, 5, and 10 multiplication facts.

Science/History/Geography

Students will be studying the subjects that are specified by the Core Knowledge curriculum for second graders. website: (<http://coreknowledge.org/CK/index.htm>)

Book: What Your Second Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Second Grade Education Revised (The Core Knowledge Series) by E.D. Hirsch Jr.



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Book Talks

Each semester of second grade, students will “talk” about one book they have read. Teachers will guide students in selecting one biography book and one nonfiction book.



Art of Learning

Students will also study the lives and works of Thomas Cole, Marc Chagall, and Aaron Copland as well as the wondrous world of nature surrounding our school building. Emphasis will be on careful observation and narration. The art and composer studies will take place with the Art and Music teachers, while nature studies will take place with the classroom.

Discipline

We will continue to work with students on making good choices , as well as building meaningful habits and relationships. Teachers are usually able to work through issues when they arise and we try not to send students to the office. However, there may be times when a student will need to have a discussion with a principal. If this happens, the teacher or principal will notify parents if need be.

Lunch

Students will be eating lunch in the cafe this year. Students may order a hot lunch or bring lunch from home.

Snack

We have a 5 minutes snack twice a day Monday through Thursday, and one 5 minute snack on Friday. Please send in a healthy snack that can be eaten in that amount of time. Candy is not considered a healthy snack and is not allowed.

Birthdays

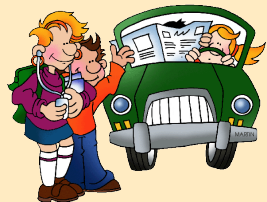
Please check with your child’s teacher concerning specifics for birthday celebrations. Students are welcome to bring in a birthday snack to share on the prearranged day.

Volunteers

We need and love to have parent help in the classroom. See your child’s teacher to make arrangements to help out when you can.

Carpool-For last minute changes, it is best to call the office.

Thank you for your patience with carpool. Please inform your child’s teacher of carpool plans. If something changes in your plans, please be sure to let us know. We do not always get to check our email, so if you have last minute changes please call the front office



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