Jeff Redding, Cardiff School,
Second Grade
2026-27 School Year

Goals

It is my goal to see that every child has their needs met at Cardiff School, while developing an atmosphere that is fun, safe, and stimulating. It is my goal to promote academic success, foster creativity, and maintain positive social and physical well-being while developing traits such as determination, perseverance and resilience. At any time if you have specific concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I view our relationship as a partnership as we work towards your child's best interest.

Communication

I will periodically send home notes through the Seesaw app or via email. This will be an opportunity for me to share with you about upcoming events, what the students are learning in school and request needed materials for upcoming projects. If you need to contact me, the school phone number is 632-5892. My extension is 211. If I am unable to take the call you will be connected to my voice mail. It is best to contact me by email as I check it throughout the day or leave a message with the office. My email address is: jeff.redding@cardiffschools.com.

Class Web Site

I have some information and resources on my school web site. It can be accessed through the Cardiff School web page. Go to cardiffschools.com, go to Cardiff School, go to classroom websites, and select Mr. Redding.

District Information

Some information from the school and/or district to be sent home with your child in their red folder. Often there are communications that require parent response, so please be certain to check your child's folder regularly and return any needed papers to the school as promptly as possible. The District website has some info which can be helpful so please refer to it for important dates and news about the district. The lunch menu can be found online also. The district website is: http://www.cardiffschools.com

Class/Student Folder
Each child has a folder (they are red) in which they can carry papers to and from school. This will go home each day and is to be returned with any completed work the following day. It is also a great way to ensure that any notes from home are delivered as well

Nightly Practice
I generally send some practice papers Monday through Thursday. It provides extra practice with math or language arts. It is often directly related to what we are working on in class. It shouldn't be more that 15 minutes of work. In addition, please have your child read each day for at least 20 minutes.

Other Assignments/Special Projects
Every so often I will send an extra assignment home. The assignment will be an extension of a lesson done in class; thus, the children will have had practice within the class, or the material was selected because of its grade appropriateness.

Overall, at-home practice should not be a battleground and make the entire family miserable. The practice is meant to build strong study skills and habits, and to get additional repetition since class time can be limited. Setting habits and routines is easier to develop now. Thus, as work becomes increasingly challenging, your child will have already developed good work and study habits.

Throughout the year there may be a couple at-home projects. I will give sufficient notice and provide a deadline for when the project needs to be completed and returned to school. If you have trouble with any of the projects, especially locating supplies, please contact me for assistance. When you receive notification of a special project, please sit down with your child, and assist in planning with them to avoid last minute stress. Arrange a time to discuss their ideas, talk about what supplies will be needed, plan trips to the store together if possible, and arrange for special time during which to work on the project.

Helpful Places:
Pic and Save, 99 cent stores, Michael's (located in Oceanside and Encinitas), Creative Teaching Supplies (located in Solana Beach), Lakeshore Learning in Mission Valley, and various party or office supply stores. * If you find a great place to shop for supplies for school projects, let me know. Thanks.

Other Homework Tips:

1. Have a quiet place where your child can concentrate.
2. Establish a routine. Have a time each night when they are to begin homework.
3. Provide ANY opportunity to read. Have a variety of reading materials available (books, magazines, newspapers).
4. Take your child to the library. Most children are eligible to have their own library cards.
5. Read with your child and have your child see you read too.

Discipline

Classroom Rules

Respect people and their property
Be a responsible learner
Set a good example

Consequences

Positive	*Negative*
Praise	Warning
Cardiff Way Tickets	Time out
Special Treasures	Violation Slip
Positive comments and more praise	Send to office for recess or to Ms. Giroux
Recognition at assembly	Call or note home

We also reinforce The Cardiff Way, which stresses the ABC'S of great behavior and citizenship. (Act Responsibly, Be Honest, Care for Other and Show Respect)

I make every effort to handle discipline issues within the classroom through consequences, expectations, and conversation. If there is an issue, which is chronic or significant, I will contact you.

Conferences

The parent conference dates can be found on the District calendar. During conference week we are on a minimum day schedule. I generally have parents sign up for conferences about 2-3 weeks prior to the conference week through Sign-Up Genius. All effort will be made to meet with each of you. If you have a particular situation, which prevents meeting during our allotted time frame, I will make every effort to meet with you at a time, which is convenient with both of us.

Field Trips
CYT – TBD
USS Midway – TBD
San Diego Zoo – TBD

Snacks
Please send a **healthy** snack for your child to eat at recess. Remember that what they eat affects their ability to focus and learn! I will post some websites regarding health and nutrition for kids on the Educational Web Sites page of the class website.

Parent Volunteers
I usually ask a room parent to gather helpers for any classroom projects or I will send an email to parents.

If you wish to volunteer for Library, Science or Garden, please refer to the Pull-out page on my website for links to Sing-Up Geniuses. If you plan to volunteer at school, please get a TB test and provide it to the school office.

Cardiff Sea
The SEA is always looking for volunteers, if you haven't done so already, please join and/or become involved.

Birthdays
I generally have any student birthday celebrations on Friday afternoons. With the new guidelines regarding student nutrition, we ask that any celebrations consider the District's desire to move away from 'treats'. Goodie bags are highly preferred over food items as some children cannot participate due to allergies or dietary restrictions. Goodie bags or sugar free popsicles are great alternatives.

Library
Our library day is on Wednesday this year. Please have your child return his/her library book on or before that day. Getting your child a library card at the local library is great also. In addition to books, many libraries offer entertaining events and programs for kids. Check out both the Cardiff and Encinitas City libraries.

Wish List

I have a wish list page on my school web site.

Book Orders

The Scholastic book orders are a great way to acquire books, often at great prices. Look for the book orders about every 4-6 weeks.

Other important information:

I have taken care of obtaining all necessary in class supplies for your child. Their greatest need is a backpack and lunch box. If there is anything else specific, I will contact you.

Have your child wear comfortable shoes to school. (Athletic shoes are BEST) These should be shoes in which your child can do P.E., engage in play at recess and/or perform needed activities at school every day. Please avoid sending your child to school in sandals, open-toed shoes, CROCs, or shoes that have slick soles.

Please label your child's clothing, lunch box, backpack, water bottle and other personal belongings.

Please have children leave toys or other items, which can be a distraction, at home. This includes Gameboys, bracelets, plastic figures, collectibles, mechanical pencils, stuffed animals, and the like. The do allow some toys at aftercare, however often they become a distraction during school time.

Dismissal is at 2:35. If you are unable to pick up your child promptly, please call the office and we will arrange for your child to wait at a designated place on campus (usually the office).

*Please work with your child to develop automaticity of addition and subtraction to 20. Use flash cards, adding the license plate numbers, adding street numbers, online games or anything that can promote math calculation. Playing games at home like chess, Yahtzee, Scrabble, as well as many others is a great way to keep learning fun.