

2nd Grade Curriculum

The second grade curriculum consists of Reading, Phonics, Math, Language Arts, Spelling, Science and Social Studies.

Reading: The students will change classes for reading just as they did last year. Read the following for some tips on helping your child with reading.

- When reading with your child, stop and explain the meaning of words you think your child may not understand.
- When your child reads independently have your child flag words he or she does not understand. Discuss the meaning of each word when your child has finished reading.
- Use pictures in the story to predict what will happen next.
- While reading have your child stop to think after the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Ask your child to tell you what has happened so far.
- After reading with your child think back about what happened in the story. Ask you child questions related to the story that begin with who, what, where, when, how and why.

Phonics: This year we will continue to use the Saxon Program building on the skills learned in first grade. This web site has games that go along with the phonics curriculum and could be helpful <http://www.saxonpublishers.com>.

Math: The math textbook for this year is Houghton Mifflin Math. We will keep you informed of the current skill being taught in class.

Social Studies: We are very excited about the new Social Studies textbook that our county has adopted this year. We will send out information about this book when it is available.

Science: There are two science books we will be working out of this year *Science in Your World* by Macmillan and McGraw- Hill and *Discovery Works* by Silver Burdett Ginn Science.

The second grade curriculum guidelines can be found at www.tennessee.gov/education. Feel free to look these over.

Agenda

Each child will be given an agenda book at the beginning of the school year. The agenda book contains important information about our school. The agendas are used for communicating your child's behavior daily, as well as any homework assignments or upcoming events. Please make sure to sign the agenda on a daily basis. In the event that your child loses his/her agenda book, a new one may be purchased in the front office.

Communication between home and school are very important. If you need to talk with your child's teacher please feel free to write a note in the agenda, call the school and leave a message, or email the teacher. The school phone number is 444-3956. The teachers email addresses are as follows:

Mrs. Presley – presleyb@wcschools.com

Mrs. Mitchell- mitchellt@wcschools.com

Mrs. Patterson- pattersonm@wcschools.com

Grades

Numeric grades will be taken by each teacher on appropriate assignments in each subject. Graded papers will be sent home weekly for you to review with your child. This will keep you up to date on the skills being taught in class.

You will receive a progress report every 4 ½ weeks to keep you informed of your child's progress. Report cards will be sent home after each nine-week grading period. Please sign and return these the next school day.

Grading Scale

93-100 A

85-92 B

77-84 C

70-76 D

Below 70 F

Homework and Graded papers

Homework will be written in the agenda each day that there is an assignment. Homework will not be given on Wednesday or Friday nights. Homework could consist of math, language arts, spelling, phonics, studying for upcoming tests, completing projects, or reading. Please check your child's agenda each evening for any homework assignments.

Graded papers will be sent home weekly. Please keep the papers and go over them with your child, sign the folder and return it on the next school day.

Snack Guidelines

If your child would like to bring a snack to school each day please try to make it a healthy one.

Some suggested snacks:

Apples or other fresh fruit	Peanut Butter Crackers/Graham	Granola Bars	Pretzels
Carrots or celery sticks	Goldfish	Popcorn	

You may send in a bottle of water for your child to drink during the day. Please do not send drinks other than water.

Field Trips

The Second Grade classes may take educational field trips during the year. A permission slip will be required anytime that we will be taking a field trip.

Parties and Birthdays

Classroom Parties: We will have various parties throughout the year. A room parent will contact you to help with our celebrations if needed.

Student Birthdays: Birthdays are very important to children. If you would like to bring treats for the class on your child's birthday, please schedule a time and date to do so with your child's teacher. In order to prevent hurt feelings, we ask that you do not send birthday invitations to school to be passed out unless you are sending one for each student in your child's class.

Transportation

A very important note about getting home in the afternoon: If your child is usually a car rider, they CAN NOT ride the bus unless they have a note from you, or you call the office and they send a message to the room. The same goes for a bus rider. We cannot send them to be a car rider unless we have a note or you call the office and they send one to us. These are just safety features, to insure your child gets transported correctly from school each day.

Rules and Consequences

CLASS RULES:

1. Listen and follow directions the first time given.
2. Keep hands, feet, objects and unkind words to yourself.
3. Talk at the appropriate times using the appropriate voice.
4. Respect others and their property.
5. Obey all SCHOOL-WIDE RULES.

Our classes will use the card system for behavior management. Each time a rule is broken a card will be pulled. With each card that is pulled we will use the following consequences.

CONSEQUENCES:

- 1st offense: = Walk 1 lap around the track during recess
- 2nd offense: = Refocus: Walk 2 laps around track during recess
- 3rd offense: = Parent will be called in addition to above consequences
- 4th offense: = Student will be sent to office

A student may be sent to the office at anytime for severe disregard of school-wide rules.

Rewards will be given for good behavior such as stickers praise and other privileges.

A student who repeatedly does not complete assignments in a timely manner will have to complete them in order to enjoy recess.