

2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

# Syllabus

2023-2024



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Weatherford Campus  
Mrs. Bouma

Dear Parents,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to teach your precious children and am glad you choose Western Oklahoma Christian School for their education. I realize how important your child's education is and I do not take it lightly.

So that you know who is with your wonderful children every day, I would like to tell you a little about myself. I received my Bachelors of Education in 2001 and my Masters of School Counseling in 2017 from SWOSU. Over the years, I have taught pre K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Oklahoma and Texas. I love teaching at Western Oklahoma Christian School and am looking forward to a great year!

I am married to Namen Bouma (WOCS's first graduate- yes, there was only one 6th grader that first year). We have three wonderful children: Andrew (20), James (17) and Emilie (13).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at any time. The Weatherford campus school phone (580) 774-8159 and school e-mail: [wsecondgrade@wocs.org](mailto:wsecondgrade@wocs.org)

*Christi Bouma*

# Policies & Procedures

## Communication

You will receive a weekly email newsletter of what is going on in our class each week. It contains spelling words, memory verse, etc.

I will also be using GroupMe for parent communication. I will post pictures of what we are doing in class, as well as send updates and reminders for you.

Another form of communication we use at school is the Tuesday folders. It is important to read all information in the folders carefully and mark your calendars for upcoming school events. Your child's daily work will come home in their daily red folders, but I will save their graded tests and send them home in the Tuesday folders. You can access your child's grades, attendance and my lesson plans on FACTS.

## Textbooks

The textbooks and readers belong to the school. The students are expected to take care of the books that are assigned to them. Wear is expected as the books are used. If they are damaged though (eaten by the dog, pages torn, etc.), they will have to be replaced at your expense (billed through FACTS).

## Homework

Students need to study their weekly Bible verse and spelling words. Though we work on them at school, it is important to also work on them at home. I include their Bible verse and spelling words in my weekly newsletter. You can also find their Bible verse and study guide on the Deep Roots website as well.



Your child will have weekly reading homework on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays that will be part of their reading grade also.

## **Grades**

Students are given grades on their tests (and occasionally other projects), which will be updated weekly in FACTS. Their graded papers will go home in their Tuesday folders. You have access to grades at all times by logging into FACTS.

Test are spread throughout the week:

Handwriting – Tuesday	Math- Wednesday	Phonics- Thursday
Spelling- Friday	Bible – Friday (every other week)	
Science/SS- Chapter test (varies)	Reading- Oral Reading Assess. w/ homework	

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Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. There are two scheduled times for Parent-Teacher conferences during the school year. These times are at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> (October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024) quarters. However, a conference may be scheduled by a parent or teacher at any time. Please feel free to call and schedule a conference if needed.

## **Classroom Management Plan**

All students are expected to obey and exhibit appropriate behavior in the classroom. If a student is misbehaving, I like to use positive reinforcement first.



For example, if one student is playing in line, I will say, “I love how Jill and Bob are quietly standing in line.” Normally, the misbehaving student will follow the example of those that were praised.

I will also use a token reward system in the classroom. I will hand out a token (classroom money) to students I catch being good. They can use their money on Fridays in the classroom store. The store will include small items (like a sticker) that can be bought for a few cents, or the student can save and accumulate their tokens to save towards a purchase of a bigger items and rewards.

If a student has been warned and continues to misbehave, they will lose a token. If they do not have any tokens or have continued to misbehave, they will miss 5 minutes of their recess. If negative behavior continues, I will talk to parents/guardians.

### **Aim to Serve**

As Christians, we want to serve and help others. Our class will be collecting items to donate to our local Harley House to help families in need in our community. We will have a theme each month, then will deliver our final donation in May for our Aim to Serve celebration (May 2, 2024).

### **Books/Reading**

Reading is super important to your child's academic development! Students will complete a Reading Journal on a book they have read once a week. I will reward students for their reading progress throughout the year.

I will place a monthly order through Scholastic for anyone that would like to order books. You may order online or with the paper form. You are never obligated to order but will always have the option. We have the opportunity to receive free books for our classroom based on how much is ordered each month. Our class code is: YD8BK.

### **Field Trips**

We will be taking four class field trips this year, approximately one per nine weeks. I would love for you to attend the fieldtrips with us. In order to transport your child's friends, you must be an approved driver (have your driver's license and insurance information on file).

Please carefully read all correspondence provided in the Tuesday folders, this is where you will find information regarding our upcoming field trips.

Campus wide – Old Caldwell Trails in September/October

Class wide (all 3- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes) – Science Museum OKC in January



### **Classroom Parties**

Kids love to celebrate! If you want to have a school party for your child's birthday, please contact me to set up the date and time. If your child has a summer birthday, they can celebrate at the beginning of May or for their half birthday (example: If their birthday is July 15, they can celebrate on January 15<sup>th</sup>).

We will have 3 scheduled parties this year. I would love your help celebrating them. You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with a party at the first Parent/Teacher Conference in October.

- ❖ Christmas/Jesus' Birthday Party: December 19, 2023
- ❖ Valentine's/God's Love Party: February 14, 2024
- ❖ Easter/Resurrection Party: March 28, 2024

### **Other Activities:**

\* This information in this syllabus can change. I will keep you informed if any changes are made to this syllabus.

Thank you so much for your support! It is going to be a great year! If you every have any questions or concerns, please contact me: [wsecondgrade@wocs.org](mailto:wsecondgrade@wocs.org) , school phone # (580) 774-8159.