

Mrs. Chester's 2nd Grade Syllabus

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome your child to second grade. It is going to be a great school year! I am honored to get the chance to teach your child new material as well as strengthen the skills they have already acquired. The following papers explain procedures for my classroom as well as homework. Please read through them and if you have any further questions, please contact me.

My Class Rules:

1. Be Responsible
 - Raise your hand and wait to be called on before sharing ideas
 - Give your best effort on work at all times
 - Complete all work
2. Be Safe
 - Keep your hands to yourself
 - Walk, don't run
 - Use materials correctly
3. Be Caring
 - Use kind words to others and self
 - Take turns
4. Be Respectful
 - Show respect to all school staff, students, and school equipment
 - Always be honest

Rewards/Consequences:

Our classroom has a behavior clip chart. Students begin on "Ready to Learn" each morning. Students can move up with positive choices or move down when they did not think a choice through. Moving a clip down results in the following consequences:

- Down 1: loss of small reward at the end of the day (gummy bear)
- Down 2: time taken from recess or special's class
- Down 3: conference with parent and/or Mrs. Thomas

Students that move up can have a chance for more gummy bears at the end of the day or a special surprise from Mrs. Chester.

Daily Work:

Please see that the homework folder is returned daily. It will have papers in it most days of the week. Most of the papers will be notes from school and graded papers from class. Please encourage your child to take care of his/her folder. It will be used all year.

Homework:

Most nights of the week students will have a reading assignment from their group reader, spelling homework, and memory verse practice. A homework log will be sent home weekly. Please make sure your child completes their homework assignments. I will take a weekly grade for completed reading logs and the responsibility of bringing everything back to school (book, red homework folder).

- There is **NO** homework on Wednesday evenings, however; if a student does not finish seatwork at school, they will have to take it home for homework that evening. It will be due the following day.
- Please, Please, Please, have students use a regular PENCIL on homework unless it is a coloring page.

Tests:

Spelling Tests and Bible Memory Verse tests will be on Friday. I will send home new spelling lists on Mondays. A new Bible verse will be sent home every Monday for your child to study. The verse will also be on my weekly Tuesday note. Your child will need to memorize the verse to say to me. Your child does not need to study for the Phonics or Math tests unless I tell you they need extra help.

Book It Program:

The Book-It program will start the first week of October. Each month a calendar will be sent home with the reading goal stated on it. Whenever a child has met the goal, sign and return the calendar to school. The child will receive a certificate for a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut.

Field Trips:

We will go on a total of 4 field trips. We will try to do one trip per semester. A note will go home prior to the field trip explaining where we are going and pricing. **If the field trip is more than 50 miles from our campus, at least one responsible adult needs to attend the field trip with your child.** All charges will go through FACTS for our field trips.

1st trip: OKC Zoo – Friday, September 17th

2nd trip: P-Bar Farms – Wednesday, October 13th

3rd trip: OKC Science Museum – Friday, January 28th

4th trip: Rt. 66 Museum - TBA

Tardies:

School begins each morning at 8:20 am. Students arriving after 8:25am will be counted tardy. Three tardies will equal one absence.

Birthday Parties:

Parents may send special prepackaged individual snacks for the class to enjoy. We cannot have homemade items and unfortunately, we cannot have extra visitors in our classroom at this time. Children are **NOT** allowed to bring gifts for the birthday person.

Birthday invitations cannot be passed out at school unless you have an invitation for every student in our class. This is also school policy.

Holiday Parties:

We will have 3 holiday parties during the school year. I would appreciate it if you could sign up to help with at least one party. Sign ups will be during our first parent teacher conference in October. We are still following restricted guidelines, only 4 parents can come to each classroom parties. Thank you for understanding.

Snacks:

We will have an afternoon snack in 2nd grade. Students will need to bring their own snack daily OR you can send packaged snacks to keep in your child's locker. Please do not send candy as a snack for your child.

Chapel offering & Snack Sale:

WOCS offering is collected every Friday following chapel. All donations will be given to the son of a local family, Samuel Henthorn. Money will go towards his IMB Fusion Training and travel expenses to share the gospel with non-believers in hard-to-reach areas. He would appreciate prayers for his mission as well!!

Snack sales are also every Friday (unless notified otherwise). Items range from \$1-\$2.

If you have any questions or concerns, **please contact me. Here are the following ways you can reach me:

Email: ecsecondgrade@wocs.org

School phone: 580-303-4922

Send me a message on Class Tag!

Joni Chester