

Second Grade Syllabus

Mrs. Castro

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Mrs. Castro's Second Graders

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2nd Grade! I am so excited to start a new school year with your child! I have so many exciting things planned for this year to make learning fun and meaningful! I hope you will be able to be a part of your child's learning experience this year as well. I truly believe that your child receives the best education possible when you and I work together. This syllabus includes information about our class that will be helpful for you as a parent. There is a lot of information, so please read it carefully; however, if you ever have any questions, please let me know. Communication is the key to your child being successful. If anything changes, I will let you know. I am here for your child's success and will do "whatever it takes" to help them have a fantastic and successful year of learning. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us this year!

Thanks so much!

Mrs. Castro



Communication

Communication is very important to the school and me. I will communicate primarily through our GroupMe app. If you have not downloaded this free app, please do so as soon as possible, so you do not miss any important announcements. I love to show off my students' successes, so you will see pictures/videos/ and praises through GroupMe. I also make announcements and send reminders on the app. You can directly message me on the GroupMe app anytime. You can also email, text, or call me. If I am not available, I will get back to you by the next school day.

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Homework Folder

Your child is responsible for bringing their folder home and returning it to school daily.

*It is important that students take care of the folder so it will last all year long.

Sheet protector: Each student is given a sheet protector to keep in their folder.

Students will keep the following things in their sheet protectors:

- **Spelling list**

A new list will go home every Monday. I will send home a copy as well. This way, if they want to study, they will have it with them in their folder.

- **Memory Verse**

A new bible verse will go in their sheet protectors every Monday. I will also send a study guide to keep at home.

Pencil Pouch: pouches to remain in their folders.

- **Flash Cards**

Math flashcards go home every Mon, Tues, & Thurs. They should go through each set two times. Please initial the box dated for that day so I know it was completed.

Front Pocket

- **Reading Homework**

Reading books go home every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. They are to read the passage two times. They may read it once to themselves and once to an adult or older sibling. **Please initial the assignment for that day to show they have completed their work.**

If the paper is returned unsigned, I will assume this student did not complete their homework. They will not be rewarded for incomplete work. There will be NO reading or math homework on Wednesday or Friday nights. If it comes back unfinished, then they will read it to me during Specials time.

Back Pocket

- **Graded Papers**

✓ Please take time to review the graded papers with your child and make POSITIVE comments about your child's efforts. If there is a place for a parent's signature on a paper or note, please sign it and return it to school the next day.

✓ Papers marked REDO should be corrected, signed, and returned to school to improve their grade. I will give half credit for papers below 80 that are fixed.

Homework

- **Parent's Homework Responsibilities**

Try to supervise your child while they are completing their homework. Your child is to use a #2 pencil to do their work. Please encourage neat handwriting on all homework papers.

- **Spelling**

Lists will come home on Mondays. Each student may write their words two times and turn them in before the spelling test to receive extra credit. There will be a spelling list to keep at home to study each night and one to keep in their folder. Our spelling tests will be on Fridays unless it falls on a day we are off. If this happens, then I will send a note.

- **Science/History**

We complete our Science curriculum in the first semester and the History curriculum in the second semester. Students will bring home their packet, which includes a study guide. They will be encouraged to review their guide, and the test will be announced a week before.

- **Bible**

Each week your child will have a new memory verse to memorize for our oral test on Friday. Please go over this with your child nightly. We review the memory verse daily in class. For bonus points, your student may write their memory verse twice and then turn it in before our quiz. If your child is absent, you can log into the deep roots website to see what they missed.

- **Re-do Policy**

If a student receives an 80 or below, I will write "Redo" on the paper and send it home for them to correct. They will receive half credit to help bring up their grade. If they do not return the corrected paper the next day, I will keep the first grade they received. If your child is absent, they have a day to complete work and turn it in the following day.

- **Tests**

As the year progresses, we will have Spelling, Phonics, Math, Bible, and Handwriting tests. Math tests on Wednesdays, Phonics tests on Thursdays, and both Spelling tests and Bible tests and quizzes on Fridays. This way, the students' tests are spread out over the week. The other subjects will be announced in the weekly note.

Daily Work

Homework folders will come home daily. Graded papers, spelling lists, and memory verses will go home Monday. Please encourage your child to take good care of their folder. These need to last all year.

- **Seat Work**

Your child will have seatwork daily, which they should have enough time during the day to complete. If they do not, then they will bring it home for homework. If this happens on a Wednesday, they have the option of finishing it at recess.

*If they do not use their time wisely, they will come home with a note attached to their work. Please make sure to sign it and send it back.

Grading:

- Number grades will be given for all subjects except conduct.
- If your child receives a grade below 80, they may correct the paper, and a parent needs to sign and return it.
- Half points will be given for corrected work.

Reading Program

As a class, we will participate in Braum's reading program. At the end of our school year, we will have a class party to celebrate their accomplishment. **If a student does NOT turn in their reading log each month, they will NOT be able to participate in the party. This is a privilege and a reward for completing all nine months.**

*The reading log is due on the first of every month. Reading is imperative for all learners!

Snacks, Water, & Birthdays,



Snacks: Students will have the opportunity daily to have a healthy snack. A new snack calendar will come out each month; please send enough snacks for five students. If you would like to send snacks for the month, you can also do that, and I won't send the snack box home until they are gone.

Listed below are a few snack suggestions

- Crackers
- Cereal Bars
- Goldfish
- Pretzels
- Fruit Roll-ups
- Animal Crackers
- Dry Cereal

Please remember the snacks need to be healthy and EASY to clean up.

Please do NOT send:

- Messy snacks like fruit juice or fruit that needs to be peeled or cut.
- Any unhealthy snacks with lots of sugar, or candy.
- Cookies/Cakes



• **Water bottles**

Each student is encouraged to bring a water bottle each week. They can re-fill it during that week, and on Friday, they can take it home to wash. If they forget their bottle, I will make sure they have water to drink that day.

• **Birthdays**

Please contact me if you would like to bring/send a treat to school. The time for the parties will be around 2:30. Cookies or cupcakes and drinks are okay to bring for birthdays. It's easier if the treats are ready to serve individually. If your child brings invitations for a birthday party or any other event, please ensure all children are included. If all children are not included, then please don't bring them to school or pass them out after school.



• **Class Parties:**

You will have the opportunity to sign up to help with one or more class parties at the first Parent/ Teacher Conference.

- ❖ Christmas Party: December 16
- ❖ God's Love Party: February 14
- ❖ Resurrection Party: April 6

Other Important Information

- **Field Trips**

We will go on one field trip every nine weeks for a total of four field trips. A note will go home before the field trip outlining where we are going, what we will be doing, the cost of the trip, and how many drivers we will need.

1. **P-Bar Farm (All School field trip)**
2. **The Science Museum**
3. **Air and Space Museum**
4. **Museum of Osteology**

- **Scholastic Book Orders**

I will place a monthly order through Scholastic for anyone who wants to order books. You may order online or in 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 **PBF3B**.

- **Other Activities:**

Second graders will participate in the yearly Spelling Bee and Speech Meets.

Classroom Management Plan

I have put a Behavior Management Plan in place that gives students opportunities for positive feedback and chances to earn different kinds of rewards. I hope this will show students that doing the right thing pays off in many ways.

We have five basic classroom rules.

Our Classroom Rules are:

1. Listen when someone is talking
2. Follow directions the first time given
3. Treat everyone with kindness and respect
4. Work and play safely and quietly
5. Take care of our school and classroom

Reward Cards (punch cards)

Different incentives will be introduced throughout the school year. Students can participate once they have received all 10-20 punches on their cards.

- Students earn hole punches by doing what they are supposed to do upon arrival and during chapel, specials, and lunch. After lunch is a fresh start to earn more punches at the end of the day.

CLASSROOM ECONOMY:

- Students can also earn class cash throughout the day for POSITIVE behavior.
- Students will also be assigned a job and be paid a "salary" with "class cash."
- Students will be able to spend their Class Cash in the Class Store.

Whole Group REWARDS

Students will also set a goal as a class to earn a class reward.

DAILY CONSEQUENCES:

- **1st Time:** Non-Verbal or Verbal Warning (no consequence)
- **2nd Time:** Orange Note Put on the Student's Desk as a Warning and possible class cash fine
- **3rd Time:** Signed Orange Note and a consequence will be assigned.

I will sign the note, and the student's behavior will be noted. I will not report minor offenses to parents.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

- Miss time during recess/walk outside
- Loss of time during centers/free time
- Parent phone call

Ms. Ward's Class Schedule

This is our "best-laid plan" for our daily schedule. Of course, this may change depending on special events. If it changes drastically, I will send you a new schedule.

Monday/Thursday

8:20 -8:40- Chapel
8:45-9:15-Bible
9:15-10:30-Spelling/Math /Language
10:30-11:00-Computer
11:00-11:30-PE
11:30-12:10-Lunch/Recess
12:20- 1:30-Science /Handwriting
1:30-1:50-Afternoon Recess
2:00-2:30-Reading Groups
2:30-3:00-Snack
3:00-3:08-Clean up/Dismissal

Tuesday/Wednesday

8:20 -8:40-Chapel
8:45-9:15-Bible
9:15-10:00-Spelling/Math
10:00-10:20-Morning Recess
10:20-11:00-Language/Handwriting
11:00-11:30-Computer/Music
11:30-12:10-Lunch/Recess (Duty)
12:20- 1:00-Reading/Science
1:30-1:50-Afternoon Recess
2:00-2:30-Centers or Activity
2:30-3:00-Snack
3:00-3:08-Clean up/dimissal

Friday

8:20 -8:40-Chapel
8:45-9:15-Art
9:15-10:00-Bible
10:00-10:20-Morning Recess
10:20-11:00-Spelling/Math
11:00-11:30-Language/Handwriting
11:30-12:10-Lunch/Recess (Duty)
12:20- 1:00-Reading Groups
1:30-1:50-Afternoon Recess
2:00-2:30-Fun Friday Centers
2:30-3:00-Snack
3:00-3:08-Clean up/Dismissal

Bible Verses

Class Verse

"Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." -Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

School Verse

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy[e] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

The information in this syllabus may change; I will keep you informed of any changes. Thank you so much for your support. It is going to be a fantastic year!

RETURN THIS PART OF THE SYLLABUS TO MS. WARD

I have carefully read the second-grade syllabus with my child. We understand the requirements for a successful school year. I understand that we, as parents and teachers, are a team, and together we can help my child learn to the best of their ability.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Teacher Signature: Ms. Ward _____

9/7/2022