

Welcome to Second Grade!



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Welcome to everyone! I am so excited about the upcoming year! This will be my thirteenth year of teaching for Hudsonville Public Schools. I have taught many different grade levels and have enjoyed each one.

I love teaching! My husband and I have 4 children. I can't believe how quickly time passes, as I now have two in high school. I believe that children learn at different rates and in different ways. I take great pride in working with your child to meet his/her needs and have them be successful. You will find that I enjoy movement and silly phrases to help us remember.

My classroom expectations are that the children will respect and rejoice in each others' differences. We will work hard together and function as a team so that we may all succeed. I look forward to celebrating your child's achievements and assisting with any struggles during our 2nd grade journey.

Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year

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Change In Transportation



If you are changing modes of transportation for your child on a given day, **WRITTEN PERMISSION** must be obtained from you for the safety of your child. Through the written permission please give **SPECIFIC** instructions regarding where your child is to go for that day. If written permission is not given, I will have to put them on their regular bus.

If your child is going home with a student from another classroom, please tell me the student's name, their teacher, and the bus they are to ride home on. **PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON VOICEMAIL, CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE DIRECTLY.** Thanks for your support regarding this safety issue.

If it is necessary for you to pick up your child from school before dismissal, please send me a note informing me of the time and I'll send them to the office at that time. All children must be signed out at the front office before leaving the building. They must also be signed back in when returning or when late for school.

Lunch



Each day your child is at school he/she will be eating lunch in our multipurpose room. Your child has a debit card with which to purchase hot lunch and milk. Money to place in this account can be brought to school any day and it will be sent to food service. When sending lunch money, please use the form provided by the food service and place it in an envelope. TO ensure your account is credited, please mark the front of the envelope with the following:

Lunch Money

Your Child's Name

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The debit cards are also used for milk purchase.

Shoes



Each child will need to have a pair of clean, light soled tennis shoes for PE. They will keep these shoes at school in their locker. They will be used for PE as well as shoes in the winter time.

Snacks



We will have two breaks during the day where the children will have time to eat their snacks. Try to send nutritious and simple snacks for your child. Georgetown is striving to be a POP-FREE school, so please refrain from sending these drinks to school. Juice boxes and water are preferred. Water bottles are recommended; please remember to write your child's name on the bottle.

Birthdays



Birthdays are great in second grade and we want to make your child feel special.☺ On your child's birthday celebration day, you are welcome to send with them a non-edible trinkets to share with the class (i.e. pencils, erasers, little gadgets, rulers, notepads, etc.)

Super Star



For one week during the school year your child will be our "star". This is a chance for us to come to know your child better and also make them feel extra special. Our star for the week will have a special poster, be a special helper, will be able to bring in their favorite book, and more! An envelope will be sent home with your child when their name is pulled out of the star basket, a few days prior to their "star" week ☺

Homework



Homework will be sent home two times weekly (typically on Tuesday & Thursday) and is due the following day. It is not lengthy and shouldn't take your child very long to complete. Your child will receive a ticket when it is returned on time. There will also be 20 minutes of nightly reading (more if you wish ☺) to support your growing reader. Please structure this into your daily schedule.

Nightly Folder



Your child will have a nightly folder in which he/she will be bringing home important papers, homework and other items from school. Please make sure to check this folder each night and return to school each day. In the front pouch of the folder will be a spot for the children to write about something special pertaining to their day. On the back of the Daily Message is a spot for both mom and dad and I to communicate. If you have a private matter to address please disclose that information in a sealed envelope as students will be assisting with folders. Please make sure to sign and return the folder daily (it is worth a ticket 😊).

Personal Items



Please make sure that your child's coats, mittens, boots, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. are labeled with their name. This helps to eliminate confusion at recess time and at the end of the day. Please discourage your child from bringing any toys/valuables to school so they do not get lost.

Classroom Incentives



Each child will be given the opportunity to earn tickets through returning homework, agendas and following our classroom rules. Each month we will open Mrs. McDonald's classroom store and the children will be able to spend their tickets. We will also have friendly competitions between our tables to earn various rewards and tickets.

Our classroom rules will be created the first day of school and revolve around these 5 principles.

1. Be Positive
2. Be accepting of others' differences
3. Be prepared
4. Be polite
5. Put forth your best effort



We will be using a green, orange, yellow, red system in the classroom. Everyone starts out on "green," right where they need to be. If a negative behavior occurs, a child is given a warning - "yellow." If the behavior continues, the child will be asked to "Take some thinking time" and complete a behavior action plan - "orange." If the behavior still continues, mom and dad will be contacted to discuss what has happened, as well as, a loss of recess time - "red."

Our classroom time is so valuable and behavior turning our classroom environment from positive to negative is not acceptable.

