



Dear 2nd Grade Parents,

Hello, welcome back! Once again, my name is Kate Patterson and I will be your child's 2nd grade teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. I am thrilled for what lies ahead of us this school year. Below you will find some pertinent information that will help us all have a successful year together. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Agenda/Homework

Second graders will be assigned homework Monday-Thursday. Please keep in mind that homework will be checked for completion, not accuracy. You will notice a check mark on the paper to show that the work was collected and checked for completion. Students may turn in late homework at any time for full credit (as long as it is turned in by the end of the 6 week grading period). Please check your child's agenda and sign it each night for important information. Please also check your child's binder cover for our weekly newsletter that will include what we are learning about this week, spelling words, homework checker and other important information! This will confirm that you have seen your child's assignments as well as their behavior for the day. The agenda will serve as a communication tool between school and home. Please write any notes to me in your child's agenda. (However, any notes for the office should be written on a separate piece of paper.) I will check agendas each morning for signatures/notes from parents. Your child's homework will be given to them on Monday of each week. They will be given a packet for the

week to be turned in every Friday. Please check the binder nightly for other information or papers being sent home.

You can expect your child to have the following for homework nightly

- Review worksheet Monday - Thursday Math and ELA review
- Tic Tac Toe Spelling Assignment (3 assignments weekly) (worth one point)
- Reading Log - Read 30 Minutes nightly.

Thursday Folder

Once per week students will be responsible for bringing home their Thursday Folder. The folder will be sent home every Thursday and will often include important flyers from the office, as well as all graded work. Please sign the folder and return it on Friday.

Arrival/Dismissal

Students may be dropped off at school starting at 8:00 am. They will either go straight to the Café for breakfast, or directly to our classroom. Please be aware that students who arrive to school later than 8:30 a.m. will be considered tardy. Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. will need to be dropped off at the main entrance on Buena Vista Street, and a parent will need to sign them in. Students will be dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Please send a note to the office to inform us of any dismissal changes so that we can assure that your child gets home safely.

Absences

In order to maximize instructional time, it is important for your child to be on time and to attend school daily. We plan to offer incentives for students with perfect attendance. If your child is ill please be sure to send an excuse upon their return to school.

Monster of the Week

To help build our classroom culture all students will have the opportunity to be the "Monster of the Week". Each child will take turns being the featured student. This will help us get to know one another better. Please stay tuned for more information. I will send home a detailed letter of the expectations as well as the schedule in September.

Birthdays

Birthdays are special occasions for young children. If your child wishes, he or she may bring treats for the class on his or her birthday. Please send a note a day or two in advance so that I can give you an exact number of children in the class and set aside some class time for the celebration.

Parent/Teacher Communication

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns about your child. Good parent/teacher communication is critical to your child's success. We are working together to achieve one common goal, success!! You can contact me through email KatelynPatterson@propleschools.org

Thank you for taking the time to read this document. I know it is a lot of information. I hope that it answered questions that you may have. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. Please keep this packet handy for easy reference. I look forward to work as a team with you this year!

Thank You,

Mrs. Patterson