

Second Grade Class Information

- **Curriculum Overview**

1. Journal Writing
2. Handwriting
3. **Language:** Daily Oral Language, Analogies
4. **Spelling:** Words and Sentence Dictation
5. **Reading:** HMH Into Reading, reading log, novel study, DEAR time, AR, Wordly Wise
6. **Math:** Go Math, math facts practice, XtraMath, GPS
7. **Science:** Science Fusion, units based on state objectives, Scholastic News
8. **Social Studies:** Studies Weekly, units based on state objectives, Scholastic News

- **Grading and Weighted Grades**

1. Second grade vanguard spelling test grading policy: 10 words randomly selected from the list of 12 spelling words; dictation sentences with spelling words in sentences – 5 points off for punctuation and capitalization errors, 3 points off for misspelled spelling words, 1 point off for all other misspelled words
2. Reading: 70% reading tests and 30% spelling, grammar, DOL
3. Math: 70% math tests and 30% class work and math facts
4. On level students can retake a test grade other than spelling and sentence dictation with a grade below 70 to raise the test grade to a maximum of 70 in the first semester.

- **Homework**

1. Read, read, read! – Charlie Brown Reading Log – Read a minimum of 60 minutes a week aloud to an adult. Reading logs go home on Wednesdays and are returned the following Wednesday.
2. Practice and memorize Math Facts to 18 (i.e. 8+6, 14-6)
3. Homework will go home on Monday. The packet will include reading comprehension. **Please check your child's work. They should prove their answers by underlining their proof.**
4. Homework should be turned in by the child on Friday morning.
5. Study for spelling test and sentence dictation (given on Fridays).
6. Special projects will be assigned throughout the year.

- **Morning Drop-Off**

1. Students must wait outside or in the cafeteria before the bell rings.
2. Students may **NOT** go to their lockers before the bell rings.

- **Afternoon Pick-Up**

Please pick up your child in their designated spot outside. Please be on time.

| Folder | goes home on.... | is returned on... |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Responsibility Folder | daily | daily |
| Monday Folder | Monday | Tuesday |
| Work Folder | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Homework Folder | Monday | Friday |

- **Monday Folders**

1. Contain WU and PTO information
2. Return the folder the next day.

- **Work Folders**

1. Work folders with graded work will go home on the same day each week.
2. Please sign and return the folder the next day.
3. Please sign and return any grades that are 70 or below.

- **Conduct**

1. Weekly conduct grade will go home in the work folder.
2. Please sign and return the next day.
3. Students are expected to follow class rules.
4. Please reinforce rules and expectations at home.

- **Communication**

1. Please make sure that phone numbers and email on file in the office are up to date.
2. Call the office and leave a message (713) 295-5215.
3. Email
4. **Please do not use email to send changes in pick-up information—Call the office.**

- **Tardies**

1. Doors open at 7:30.
2. Children are expected to be in the classroom and ready for the morning announcements no later than 7:40.
3. Students arriving after 7:40 will need to go to the office and get a tardy slip.

- **Absences**

1. Attendance time is 9:30 each day.
2. HISD policy is that trips are unexcused.
3. If you choose to go on a trip, please do not ask your teacher for make-up work in advance. Make-up work will be provided upon your child's return.
4. Send an email for your child's absence (with excuse) **within 3 days** in order for it to be excused (state law).
5. Religious holidays are excused with a note. No advance notice is required.

6. **Doctor's Visits during the school day:** A note from the doctor/dentist must be brought to school the same day in order for an absence to be erased.

- **Birthdays**

1. Invitations may be passed out at school only if the whole class (or all boys/all girls) is invited.
2. Birthday snack—Keep it simple...brownies, cupcakes, cookies
3. Please no cakes, cookie cakes, or pull apart cupcake cakes.
4. Individual servings are best.
5. Please bring snacks in the morning and they will be passed out by the teacher.
6. No nuts! There are students with food allergies.

- **VIPS**

1. Please refer to the information in the Mustang News and Monday folder regarding VIPS approval so that you can volunteer in our school.

- **Safety and Dress Code Reminders**

1. Appropriate shoes—closed toe and heel (no crocs, or flip flops)
2. Rolling Backpacks—not allowed at West U.
3. No spaghetti straps.
4. Cell phones and smartwatches must be left in lockers during the day.

- **Other Reminders**

1. **Chapter Book**—to keep in your child's desk
2. **Sweater/Sweatshirt**--for temperature variations
3. **Water Bottles**—Please label with your child's name.

Thanks for coming!