Welcome to 2nd Grade!

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

- Chinese Proverb

Conference Time
8:00 - 8:50am
We’re so glad you’re here!

Mrs. Benton

Mr. Trejo

Mrs. Wilson

Ms. Boardman

Mrs. Armes
First 6 Weeks

- **Reading**
  - Fiction
    - Character Traits, Story Elements, Conflict Resolution, Inferencing, Point of View, Retelling

- **Language Arts**
  - Daily Oral Language (DOL)
    - Nouns, Complete sentences, Verb tense
  - Generating writing ideas

- **Social Studies**
  - The pledge, songs and symbols
  - American celebrations
  - Rules, procedures and laws
  - American landmarks, stories and art
First 6 Weeks

- **Science**
  - Safety and tools
  - Patterns of movement
  - Magnets
  - Properties of solids and liquids
  - Matter

- **Math**
  - Even and odd numbers
  - Addition strategies
  - Place value (3-digit numbers)
  - Standard, expanded, written form
  - Comparing and ordering numbers
  - Regrouping (2-digit numbers)
Grading

- 2 grades per week in each subject
- 6 weeks grading cycle
- Every grade is weighed the same
- Weekly Assessments:
  - Vocabulary
  - Comprehension
  - Grammar (DOL)
  - Math Facts
  - Math Content
  - Science/SS Content
- Other Assessments:
  - Reading Assessment every 6 weeks
**Assessments**

- **Running Records**
  - Conducting a reading assessment every 6 weeks is imperative to understanding your child’s reading skills and deficits.
  - Accuracy, fluency and comprehension are assessed.
  - Students are given an appropriate reading level and goals are set in order for them to grow!

- **Renaissance 360**
  - Math and reading assessments 3 times a year.
Attendance

- BE ONLINE ON TIME!
- Taken twice daily @ 10:00am & 2:30pm
- Attendance will be taken on TEAMS during virtual instruction.
- If you have not been logged in by 2:30pm, you will be counted absent.
- Your absence can be resolved if you turn in your work by 11:59pm that same day.
Behavior Expectations

Virtual Rules

- Be Prompt
- Be Considerate
- Show Readiness
- Be Prepared
- Use Appropriate Language
- Participate!
- Control your Voice Level
- Dress Appropriately
- Be Present
- Be Responsible
Reading

- **Book of the Week**
  - Vocabulary and comprehension tests
  - Integrated into other subjects
- **Guided Reading (begins in October)**
  - 15 minutes in small groups of 4-6 students
- **Independent Reading**
  - Minimum 20 minutes each night
- **Resources**
  - Reading A-Z, MyOn, Epic, Houston Public Library
**Reading**

- **Comprehension Tests**
  - Short reading passage with 5 questions
  - 5 questions with grade level vocabulary in context

- **Vocabulary Tests**
  - Based on Book of the Week
  - 10 fill-in-the-blank questions with multiple choice

- **Imagine Literacy**
  - 30 minutes daily, on digital resources
**Language Arts**

- **Daily Oral Language (DOL)**
  - Daily practice of editing skills
  - Grammar and syntax

- **Writing**
  - Ongoing journal entries
  - Integrated into other subjects
  - Students will generate ideas, craft stories, as well as edit and revise writing.
Science

- Resources:
  - Science Fusion
    - Workbooks and online resources available
    - Interactive read alouds, lessons, vocabulary and extended activities.
  - Discovery Education
    - Educational videos
  - BrainPOP
    - Online video lessons and quizzes
- Weekly content assessments
Social Studies

- Resources:
  - Studies Weekly
    - Weekly magazines, quizzes and games that can be accessed online.
  - Discovery Education
    - Educational videos
  - BrainPOP
    - Online video lessons and quizzes
- Integrated into other subjects
- Weekly content assessments
Math

- Fast Math Facts will be practiced daily and assessed biweekly.
- Interactive lessons using manipulatives.
- Resources:
  - Imagine Math
    - 30 minutes daily, on digital resources
  - GO! Math
    - Workbooks and online resources available.
  - BrainPOP
  - Online math manipulatives
Small Group and Individual Instruction

● Each student will be assigned to a small group in reading and math.
● Each small group will contain 4-6 students.
● One-on-one assessments will be given periodically (starting at the beginning of the year) to assess your child’s knowledge.
● During your teacher’s additional support time (12:35-2:00pm), students can call their teacher via TEAMS to assist them as needed.
While we’re out...

- You will be notified if a teacher is out ahead of time or as soon as possible in the case of an unexpected absence.
- Each teacher will have an assigned “backup“ teacher, and your child will attend their lessons for the day.
- You will be told which class to join for the day via the Remind app.
- The teacher who is taking your teacher’s place will call to add your child to their TEAMS lessons.
Supplies

- Essential supplies for online learning:
  - WIFI and a device (not a smartphone)
  - Pencils
  - 3 notebooks
  - Crayons or colored pencils

- You can purchase supply packs through PTO online.
- Supply pick-up will be on Friday at 8:30am.
- Please do not remove any supplies from the box until students are notified to do so during instruction.
- Students will also receive a bag of resources such as workbooks and worksheets, as well as a whiteboard.
- Headphones are optional for students, but they do help with focus and reduce distractions. (not provided by the district.)
Lovett’s Learning Management Systems

Learning is acquiring new or modifying and reinforcing existing knowledge, behaviors, skills, values, or preferences. Thus, whether online or on campus, the following learning management systems are unique and consistently used at Lovett Elementary throughout the school year. Remember, EXCELLENCE is what we do!

Microsoft Teams
- Attend live class meetings
- Communicate live with teachers
- Small group intervention sessions
- Participate in Teams meetings and Teams live school events

HISD Connect
- Access student grades and attendance

Remind
- Homeroom teacher communication

Digital Resources
- Access digital textbook resources
  - Science Fusion
  - GoMath
  - Studies Weekly
  - Imagine Language & Literacy
  - Imagine Math
  - Renaissance
  - MyOn
  - Renzulli Learning
  - Flocabulary
  - Brain Pop

HUB
- Access and turn in class assignments
- Access recorded live lessons
- Access instructional content & resources
  - Google Drive links
  - Pear Deck links
- Access Digital Resources

Virtual/Bitmoji Classrooms
- Access teacher-specific resources
- Community building
Houston ISD requires students to spend 60 minutes per week in both math and reading instruction using the Imagine Platform.

Time for completion is built into each grade level schedule.

1. Go to [www.houstonisd.org/digitaireresources](http://www.houstonisd.org/digitaireresources)

2. Log in with student credentials.
   Username: student\S#\#\#\#\#
   Password: MMDDYYYY

3. Locate the following apps to use:

   **Favorites**

   To add them to your favorites, hover over the icon, then select the 💚. This will add the resource to the top of the page.

   **What are these resources used for?**
   - Imagine Math: Math Practice
   - Imagine Language & Literacy: Language Practice
   - Imagine Reading: Reading Practice
   - Renaissance Universal Screener: Math and Reading Assessments.
Students will be learning about the Elements of Art throughout the school year. Additionally, students will explore famous artists and various art careers. I am asking students to keep a digital portfolio on the Hub. This is especially important for fifth grade students. More information will be forthcoming. Please make sure to read the information in the Fine Arts Newsletter that was recently sent. There is information about creating an Art kit for your child. Supplies will not be shared due to Covid-19.

Contact: pamma.mock@houstonisd.org
Music

Band: Mr. Ali Jackson
ali.jackson@houstonisd.org

Strings: Mr. Stephen Cobb
scobb@houstonisd.org

Classroom Music: Mrs. Katherine Martin
kmartin6@houstonisd.org

- 2nd-5th grades: automatic rollover from last year’s music selection. If you want to make a change, you must notify the previous teacher by Friday, September 4th.
- 1st grade and new-to-Lovett students: please make your choice by Tuesday, Sept 8th by emailing the corresponding teacher.
- Please contact any of the music teachers with questions. You may also reference the Fine Arts newsletter within Mrs. Thompson’s newsletter last week.
Welcome to Lovett,

Even though we aren’t in school, I am still here to assist you with all your health care needs. I have just a few reminders for everyone.

1. **BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST FOR FOOD ALLERGY AND HEALTH INVENTORY**
   This form gives me lots of important health information about your child.

2. **ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE UP TO DATE AND CURRENT**
   All students registered at Lovett are required to have compliant immunizations, even when virtual.

3. **IF YOUR CHILD HAS A CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION PLEASE CONTACT ME.**
   Food Allergies, Asthma, Diabetes, Seizures, etc. I have special forms for you to complete.

4. **IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO NEED ANY MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT ME.**
   Need to get physician orders now, so medications can be at school when we are back in the classroom.
CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NURSE

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I will be at Lovett daily, even during this virtual time
Look forward to seeing you in person, soon
Meet the Learning Support Team!

Ms. Yother
I have been teaching 10 years, and this is my 5th year at Lovett.
I love animals. I have 2 dogs, 2 chickens, a guinea pig, and a turtle.
My birthday is on Leap Year so I’m really only 8 years old!

JYother1@houstonisd.org

Ms. King
This is my 11th year in Learning Support.
I have 3 loud & crazy young boys and 2 dogs.
I love reading, lifting weights, kicking a soccer ball around, and watching movies.

Alexandra.King@houstonisd.org

Ms. Casell
This is my first year at Lovett and I have been a teacher in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Austin.
I am originally from San Antonio and am a big fan of the San Antonio Spurs.
Before I was a teacher, I acted on stage in New York.

Faye.Casell@houstonisd.org
Meet the Learning Support Team!

**Ms. V**
I have a son in the 5th grade at Lovett.
I enjoy cooking, makeup, and decorating.
I love drawing characters for my students.

My name is Ms. Vavasseur, but I am known here as "Ms. V".
Lauren.Vavasseur@houstonisd.org

**Ms. Adams**
I love going to concerts and spending time outdoors.

I love all things related to arts and crafts.

My favorite thing to do on the weekends is spend time with family and friends.

**Ms. King**
I love the outdoors: water skiing, hiking and making a snowman.

In high school, I was on swim team.

I love board games and card games!
Rachel.King2@houstonisd.org
Join the Lovett PTO!

Christi Megow, PTO President
Go to lovettpto.org to join the PTO today!
We will now transition to homeroom meetings, please log in to Microsoft Teams with your 2nd grader’s student’s username and password, go to Calendar and click Join on the meeting for your child’s homeroom.