

Important Information about Second Grade

Please use this as a reference throughout the year for some important information about our classrooms.

Second Grade Teachers

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Newsletters will be posted to my classroom web page at the end of each week. They will include important information about the previous school week and the week ahead. Please read these over carefully and post them in a visible location so that they can be used as weekly guides for the ongoing activities in our classroom.

Please send an **art shirt** to school with your student. This can be an oversized T-shirt or anything that can get messy. It will be kept in your student's locker and worn for art each week.

Tennis shoes are required for physical education. A pair of tennis shoes can be kept in lockers.

School **library books** should be brought back on media days. Each week we will write our specialist schedule in our planner.

Students can keep a sturdy **water bottle** with a secure cover in our classroom. Only water is going to be allowed in the bottle, and water bottles will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed.

We LOVE **box tops**! We appreciate all box tops that we get because they help us buy items for our classroom! Please keep your eye out for these. Clip them, check the expiration date, and send them in! Tell all of your family and friends. 😊

Students will write in their daily **planners** and put assignments in their take-home folder. It is your student's responsibility to bring their take-home folder and planner, home and back to school every day. Your student is also responsible for showing you what is written in his/her planner and any work they need to complete at home. Please sign the planner

each night so we know you are seeing what goes home daily. Creating an at-home routine for the planner and for homework is highly encouraged. Feel free to communicate with us through the planner as we will look at it each day.

Read, read, read! It is recommended that each student reads an average of 15 minutes (outside of school) a day. Research proves that this makes a direct impact on a child's learning. A **reading calendar** will be sent home each month. Please find a place where this can be posted and easily accessed so that the number of minutes read each day can be recorded. This can also include the amount of minutes that your second grader was read to by someone else. At the end of the month, a parent must sign the calendar. I will recognize students who consistently read at home.

At JES, we give out **Just Stop and Think slips** to students when they need a **reminder** to show **J-Town Pride** (positive behavior).

When sending **daily snacks and/or birthday treats**, please be aware and respectful of the students with allergies in our classroom. Avoid sending snacks and treats that contain any type of peanuts or tree nuts such as Brazil nuts, cashews, walnuts, hazelnuts, almonds, macadamia nuts, pecans, or coconut. All snacks/treats that will be shared with the class must be store bought.

The **snack cart** will be available for students to get a snack from each day. If your student chooses to take snack from the snack cart, the cost is **\$50 for milk and \$50 for snack** for the entire year. You can sign up for snack cart in the office. If you bring a snack from home, please choose a healthy snack.

Seesaw will be used to share and communicate with families, Your child will post to Seesaw to share their learning. I'll also use Seesaw to send you messages and reminders. Seesaw is private; you'll only see posts created by your child or Miss Houle.