



Additional Information for Mrs. Schultz's Second Grade Class



Grades: Students will receive traditional letter grades. Second grade is the first year students can receive an Honor Roll award, with cumulative grades at the semester (2 awards assemblies per year). For Principal's Honor Roll, students must earn all A's for 2 quarters (1st AND 2nd, 3rd AND 4th). For Honor Roll, students must earn only A's and B's for 2 quarters. Students may receive awards at the semester assembly. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified. Not all students receive awards.

Transportation home: If your child has a way that they regularly go home, I will send them the way you have indicated unless I receive an email, note, or phone call stating otherwise. If transportation plans change, let me know as soon as possible, preferably before noon.

Early checkouts: If you know you are going to check out your student early, please let me know ahead of time (by note or email). Sometimes that is not possible, but it makes it smoother if I know in advance. Remember to bring your ID into the office to check out your student. Please note that most of our weekly tests will be on Friday before noon, and missing them will mean trying to make up that work on Monday. Excessive early check-outs and absences have a negative impact on grades.

Homework: Homework is due on Fridays. You will get a homework folder each Friday containing a newsletter with weekly vocabulary words, spelling words, and math facts to study for the week. You will also have the user names and passwords for online access to our curriculum. You can use this as additional or alternative ways to practice and study, depending on the needs of your student. Online assignments are not required for homework credit, but they are there for you to use as needed. Please provide a quiet place with all of the supplies they need. They will need your help! This is a great opportunity for you to get to know where your student struggles, so you can let me know, and we can work together on fixing the problem. Homework provides additional practice and study time for skills they need. Since the homework will mostly be study time, A PARENT SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED to show me that studying/practicing was done that week (on the back of the newsletter). Reading Menus are used as extra credit for a grade in reading. It not only gives your student a reason to practice reading (they still need a lot of practice reading independently), but it can mean the difference between a B+ or A- on a report card. Homework is a category on the report card that

receives a grade, and is factored into Honor Roll eligibility. Not turning in homework or without a parent signature will result in a loss of Fun Friday, and no homework credit for the week. Late homework turned in on Monday will receive half credit.

Projects: A couple of times a year, we will have projects that will be completed at home. During this time, regular homework is reduced.

Birthdays: If you wish to bring in treats for the class, please do so in the morning or before lunchtime, and I will pass them out at my discretion. Please provide napkins or plates if needed. Examples of easy snacks are doughnuts (the same kind), Rice Krispie treats, cookies, popcorn, or muffins. Please keep possible food allergies in mind and send enough for the whole class.

Field Trips: We usually have 1-3 field trips during our school year. If you would like to be considered as a chaperone, you must complete the volunteer training AND be fingerprinted for our school district. Being fingerprinted for another agency/job will not count. Once you are fingerprinted for our district, that information is good for as long as you have a student in TUSD. You only have to do it once. If you ever plan on attending a field trip at any point in your child's school career, it is a good idea to get this done and out of the way now! It could take a couple of weeks to get your clearance.

Mid-Morning Snacks: Before the first recess, the children will be allowed to eat one healthy snack from their backpack/lunchbox. They can have fruit, veggies, cheese, crackers, yogurt, raisins, popcorn, granola bars, etc. Examples of non-healthy snacks are chips, cookies, and candy.

Water bottles: Students may bring in water bottles to keep in class. I highly recommend the Thermos brand (stainless steel) because it seems to keep water cold all day. The only drink they may have in class is plain water. I try to remind them to take the water bottles home on Friday to be cleaned, but if you want them to take them home daily to re-fill with water from home, make sure your child knows.

Weather: Tehachapi weather can change a lot in just one day! I recommend sending a lightweight windbreaker in their backpack every day. As the seasons change, they should be prepared for colder weather. PLEASE label all items of clothing. The lost and found bin is located by the cafeteria and fills up very quickly!

Absences: If your child is absent, please call the office or send a note to clear the absence as soon as possible. Your student will have extra time to make up the work they missed. If you know you will be out for more than 5 days in a row, please fill out a contract for independent study in the office (a few days ahead, please), and I will put all of the upcoming work in an envelope to be completed while you are gone.

Backpacks: Please check and empty out backpacks every day. Do not put any food in the outer backpack area! We have a squirrel problem at this school, and they are not afraid to jump in backpacks, or chew holes in them to get to the tasty treat they can smell!

Box Tops: Yes! We save them. Send them in any time. Money from the Box Tops program goes straight back to the classrooms.

