

Welcome to 2nd Grade

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The second grade teachers would like to welcome you and your child to second grade at WMES. I hope that through our mutual cooperation, your expectations, and your child's fullest potential will be reached this year. Our goal for this year is that your child will develop and demonstrate the skills needed to achieve mastery of the 2nd grade South Carolina College and Career-Ready Standards.

Homework

Homework is a very important part of your child's success in school. It is important that you make sure homework is done completely, correctly, and neatly. Homework is an extension of what we are covering in the classroom. You play an important role in your child's homework; however, please have your child complete it on his/her own. You can then go over it for accuracy. This is a way for you to see what your child is capable of doing. A grade will be taken for homework being completed.

Classroom Rules

1. Have all of your supplies ready.
2. Be on time!
3. Stay in your seat.
4. Listen and follow directions.
5. Respect the teacher and classmates.

Birthday Parties

It is a school policy that NO birthday parties will be allowed. You may not send any goodies (cupcakes, treat bags, etc.) on your child's birthday. It is our goal at WMES to utilize every possible moment in the classroom to educate your child. Also, if you are planning a party outside of school, only send invitations to school to be passed out if you have one for **every** child in the class. Again, this is the policy of WMES, and we hope that you understand the reasons why we are asking this from you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Grading Policy

The following is how grades will be weighted in 2nd grade for each subject.

30% Class Participation– (Ex. AR tests, math facts, review skills, practice work, etc.)

40% Formative Assessments– (Ex. Spelling tests, daily work, and quizzes)

30% Summative Assessments– (Ex. Writing prompts, projects, unit tests, and all other major assignments)

Elementary Related Arts:

E– Excellent (100%– 80%)

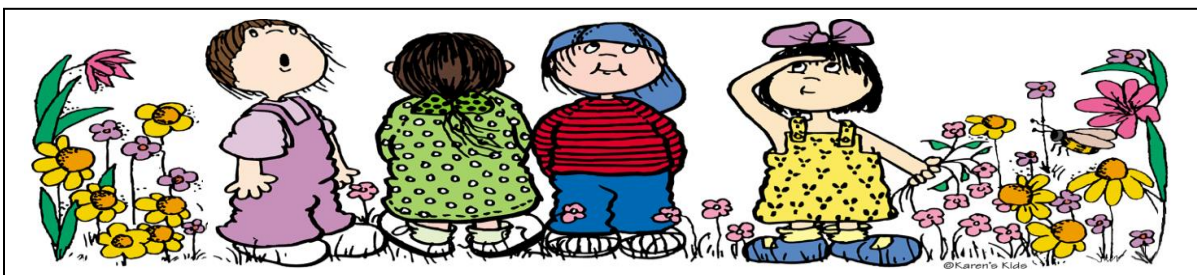
S– Satisfactory (79% – 60%)

U– Unsatisfactory (59% or below)

Music, Art, PE, and Health grades are based upon participation and behavior, not skill. These grades do not affect Honor Roll or Principal's List.

Attendance

To be considered for promotion, a student must be present for 170 days or meet requirements of the district's attendance policy. Attendance will be taken daily. After two days absent, parents will be contacted to verify absences. Please send in an excuse with your child as soon as he/she returns from an absence. The District's Attendance Policy will be enforced.



Daily Schedule

The following are allotted amounts of time that will be followed during the school day.

7:00 Students begin entering the school building

7:45 Learning begins

90 minutes of ELA

75 minutes of Math

30 minutes of Research (Science or Social Studies)

40 minutes Special Area

2- 15 minute Brain Breaks

30 minutes for Lunch and Recess

2:40 Dismissal begins

Supplies

- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 containers of Disinfectant Wipes
- 2 boxes of pre-sharpened Ticonderoga Pencils
- 1 can of Lysol Spray
- 1 box of gallon Ziploc bags w/ Zippers
- 1 box of quart Ziploc bags w/ Zippers
- 1 large hand sanitizer (34 oz. or larger)
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 1 Hinged Plastic Pencil Box
- 1 Water Bottle (Labeled with Name)
- Earbuds or Headphones (Please label with your child's name-will stay at school)

Wish List Items: Crayola 24 count crayons, Colored Pencils, Blunt Tip Scissors, Black Dry Erase Markers

Special Areas

Music

Computer

Art

P.E.

Health

Special Area classes will be on a 5 day rotation.

STEM will be on an every 5 week rotation for the entire week.

Classes will attend Library every week.

Units of Study

During the course of the year your child will be learning...

- **Math**- addition, subtraction, place value, time, graphing, geometry, measurement, etc.
- **ELA**- reading strategies, story elements, writing traits, spelling skills, etc.

Research

- **Science**- weather, magnets, force, and animals
- **Social Studies**- history, geography, economics, and government.

Textbooks and Materials

2nd grade teachers will be using state adopted reading, math, science, and social studies textbooks, paperback books, and books from the classroom library. Other classroom resources such as, manipulatives for math, science, and social studies will also be used.

Available Support

If a child is in need of assistance outside of the classroom, the following services are available:

- Student Intervention
 - Reading Intervention
 - Speech
 - Mental Health
 - Special Education
- **Qualifications may be required.**

Money

All money that comes to school **must** be in an envelope, labeled with your child's name, the purpose for the money, and the amount enclosed.

Transportation Changes

If your child is going home with a friend, grandparent, or any way that is not the usual way he/she goes home daily, I **MUST** have a note giving your permission for this change to occur. Without a note your child will be sent home the normal way. This policy is in place to help keep your child safe.

Please sign and return this portion of the syllabus after reading all content.

My child's name _____

I have read and understand the information provided on the 2nd grade syllabus.

Parent Signature

Date