

Welcome to

Second Grade



*Mrs. Colvin's
2nd Grade
Class*



• **My background**

- I grew up on a farm in Butler County, Alabama.
- I graduated from Auburn University in Montgomery with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in Diagnostic and Remedial Reading.

• **My experience**

- I've been teaching for over 30 years.
- I have taught first, second, and third grades.





We do not have any e learning days built into our school calendar this year. Should this change, I will send home directions for completing assignments.





My Goals

- To give your child the academic and social skills needed to progress to third grade.
 - To provide a supportive and fun classroom environment where we treat others the way we want to be treated.
- To help your child make new friends and discover new interests

School Calendar

August 10 - School Opens
September 5 - Labor Day Holiday
October 10 - Fall Break
November 11 - Veterans Day Holiday
November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays
December 16 - Early Dismissal
December 19-January 2 - Christmas Holidays
January 3 - Teacher Inservice
January 4 - school opens
January 16 - MLK Holiday
February 17 - Teacher Inservice
March 20-24 - Spring Break
April 14 - Weather Day
May 26 - Last day/early dismissal



our calendar





First Week of School

- You would be allowed to walk your child to class on the first day of school. You may drop off supplies at this time.
- If your child is riding a bus, please make sure that they wear their bus tag attached to their clothes or their backpack for the first two weeks of school. This ensures that we get them to the appropriate place each afternoon. Their transportation tag will be located in the folder. Please include 1st of 2nd load along with the bus number. All transportation changes must be made in writing. We cannot accept DOJO messages.
- Important paperwork is located in the black folder for you to complete. Please make sure that you sign all forms and send in money in the envelope that I provide for you.



Grading Policy

- Sign up for Powerschool - this allows you to monitor your child's grades
- Report cards are sent every nine weeks & Progress reports are sent every 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks.
- Nine weeks averages are comprised of 60% Major and 40% Minor - Homework & Timed Math fluency assessments are 5% of the Minor Grade Category
- Students will have a minimum of 4 major grades and 7 minor grades each nine weeks. There may be a few added to that total.
- Numerical Grades will be given for Math, Reading and Language/Grammar
- Science, Social Studies, Handwriting, and PE will assessed with S-Satisfactory, N-Needs Improvement, and U-Unsatisfactory.
- Students must pass Reading AND Math with a passing grade of 60 or above in order to be promoted to the next grade. Students who fail one of those subjects or both with an average below 60 will be retained in their current grade.

Classroom Behavior Plan

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I will be using a digital platform for behavior management this year. This will allow the parents to monitor their child's behavior remotely, and communicate with the teacher. The name of this behavior management system is Class Dojo. Class Dojo creates a positive classroom environment by allowing teachers to encourage students for working hard, being kind to others, etc... It allows teachers to communicate with parents about not only behavior but other important information and reminders. Dojo may not be used for excuses when absent.



Breakfast, Lunch, & Snack

- Breakfast will be served in the classrooms beginning at 7:45 am if a student chooses to eat at school. Breakfast is free to all students.
- Lunch will be eaten in the lunchroom. The cost is \$2.75 daily and milk is \$.50. Please complete the free/reduced lunch application as soon as possible.
- Snack will also be eaten in the classroom. It is possible that we will eat snack outside when weather allows. Snacks can be purchased at school or sent from home. If your child is purchasing snack from school, their money must be in an envelope with their name and what they plan to order from the Snack Shack.
- Send ALL money labeled in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name, and what it's for.
- Discuss buying "extras" with your child and/ or set limits on PayPam. Money may be put on the lunch account for "extras".
- Parents will be invited to have lunch with us once each 9 weeks. Watch for more information.



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

- Dismissal Times
 - 2:50 - Walkers will be dismissed from the front of the building
 - 2:50 - Carpool/daycare dismissed
 - 3:00 - 1st Load Bus riders dismissed
 - 3:15 - 2nd Load Buses Dismissed
 - 3:05- 2nd Load Bus riders/YMCA
- Enter carpool from Jay St. off of Sheila Blvd.
- ·Carpool drop off starts at 7:15. Pick up begins at 3:00.
- ·Child's name needs to be visible in the car window. Carpool tags are located in the purple folder.
- Wear the green bus tag or attach to their backpack for the first two weeks until they are comfortable with how they get home each day.

Student Binder

- Each student will have a half inch binder. This binder will go back and forth between home and school each day.
- This will help to keep your child organized, and help you to know what is going on in class each day.
- The zipper pouch in the front of the binder will be used for notes from home, money, and log in cards with passwords.
- There will be useful tools in the back of the binder.
- Please do not remove anything placed in a page protector.





Homework & Projects

If homework is needed, I will assign it. All incomplete and incorrect work should be reviewed and corrected. There will be weekly spelling, reading, and vocabulary homework to prepare for the weekly tests. Math is assigned on an individual basis.

- A few projects will be assigned throughout the year that are directly related to our lessons. Math projects are assigned for each topic.
- The weekly classroom newsletter will inform you of the skills being covered each week as well as upcoming events.



Other Important Information

- Green Transportation Tags must be worn for the entire first week.
- Label all items with our child's name - backpacks, jackets, etc...
- Please notify me in writing (no e mails or Dojo messages) with any changes in transportations, address, or phone number.
- Medication may NOT be brought to school by students. Parents must bring in medication, and have a form signed by the doctor in order for the nurse to administer medication at school.
- You may send treats for your child's birthday by appointment only. You must make contact with me beforehand to make sure that it is convenient for our schedule. Cupcakes are approved if store bought and sealed. My suggestion would be to send individually wrapped prepackaged food such as Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Snacks, Chips, etc... You can send drinks as well, like small waters or juice pouches. These items should be sent to school with the student or dropped off in the office by 9:00.
- You can pass out birthday invitations here at school, IF there is an invitation for EVERYONE. Otherwise, invitations must be mailed.



Communication

- Communicating with parents is VERY IMPORTANT to me. Let's work together to help your child have a successful 2nd grade year.
- Most COMMUNICATION WILL BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY whether that be by phone, email, ClassDojo, or NotifyMe (Make sure you sign up on the school website)
- Conferences are welcome at any time during my planning or right after school. Please make an appointment.
- You can reach me by school email - tina.colvin@acboe.net.
- You can reach me by phone-361-6400 and I will return your call as quickly as possible.

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Our goal is to have a happy, healthy year!

We will continue to use sanitizer and clean desks frequently. We can always use extra sanitizer, soap, kleenex, Lysol spray, baby wipes and other cleaning products throughout the school year.

We need extra snacks and small bottles of water to have on hand.

Watch for needed items listed on the classroom newsletter and on Class Dojo.

Thank you for sharing your child with me this year. Let's work together to insure that we all have a great year. We are partners in your child's education. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions that you may have.

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