

# Welcome to Second Grade

Council Traditional School



# Agenda

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Welcome, everyone. I hope this school year will be the best year ever for you and your child. Please be reminded of the following information. Changes have been made to some policies.

I understand the importance of school attendance and its impact on academic success. Greater than five (5) unexcused absences, eight (8) parent excused absences, and fifteen (15) unexcused check-in (tardies) or check-outs is considered excessive and may result in truancy violations and/or loss of privilege to return to the magnet program.

**A student is considered tardy if he/she arrives at school after 8:10 a.m.**

# Reteach and Retest Policy

## Guidelines

Reteaching is an essential part of instruction that promotes student learning. After necessary reteaching has been provided, students are allowed **one retest per subject on the first assessment where a student fails a major grade. The higher of the two grades will be recorded in the gradebook.** Reteaching and retesting should occur within a reasonable time frame.

**If the class average on any major assessment is 65 or below, then reteaching and retesting must occur with the entire class promptly. The teacher will record the higher of the two grades in the gradebook.**

\*\*\*These guidelines are not applicable to weighted courses.

## Promotion/Retention Policy

- Council is committed to providing a rigorous academic program; therefore, students must achieve a minimum yearly average of **70%** in each subject in order to be **promoted** to the next grade.
- The student who achieves a yearly average of **60-69%** may remain at Council and be retained in the current grade. The parent/student may elect to withdraw from the magnet program and transfer to a school that serves his/her attendance zone and be subject to the promotion and retention guidelines to the system.
- The student who receives a yearly average of **59%** or less in any subject will be **required to return** to the school serving the student's attendance zone.

# Uniform Policy

- ▶ PE policy - only Council red shorts and Council white shirts during the week, colored CTS shirts may be worn on Fridays, tennis shoes must be white
- ▶ A CTS red sweater is the only outerwear allowed in the classroom except for CTS sweatshirts (Friday's only).
- ▶ No jewelry except small post earrings ONLY
- ▶ CLEAR fingernail polish only
- ▶ Watches and medical IDs are acceptable.

# Class Dojo

- ▶ Class Dojo is the communication app that we are using to communicate with parents.
- ▶ If you have not done so, please download the app on your phone to receive updates, newsletters, and important information pertaining to your child's education. Your child's teacher will have the class code that you will need to receive any information regarding your child's education.



# Schoolology

- Primary resource for assessments & progress reports
- Schoolology is a virtual learning environment for K-12 schools and higher education institutions that allows users to create, manage, and share academic content.
- Access pertinent information:
  - Grades (Schoolology sends a progress report weekly on Fridays.)
  - Attendance Records
  - Tests and quizzes
  - Assignments
  - Homework





# Google Chromebook

- MCPSS is a 1:1 school system. Every student has received their Chromebook for the school year. A student may not receive one if they have an outstanding fee to pay with the school librarian regarding the device they were given last year.

# Homework

- Homework should not take more than 30 minutes to complete. We understand if it takes a little longer the first few weeks because students are getting used to being back on a regular school schedule.
- Please email me if after a few weeks it is still taking more than 30 minutes to complete. I want this to not be a stress issue with my students or my parents.

# Assessments

- **MAJOR ASSESSMENTS**

60% of grade  
(All Subjects)

- **MINOR ASSESSMENTS**

40% of grade  
(Science and Social Studies)

30% of grade  
(Reading, Math, & ELA)

- **Additional Assessments**

10% of grade  
(Reading, Math, & ELA)



# CARP Expectations



- ZPD range = what level to check out
- Record, read, test
- Take at least 2 test per week with 85% or above accuracy to meet quarterly goals.



# Fees



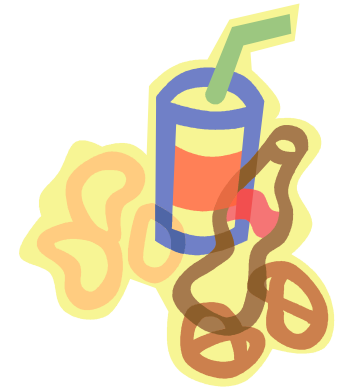
Please join the PTA - The cost is \$6 per child

<http://counciltraditional.memberhub.com/calendar>

If you have more than one child, then you will need to join each classroom so that their class will receive credit. Just make sure you list all the children and their teachers' names on the form.



# Snacks



- Students may bring 1 healthy snack each day.
- NO Sodas or sugary drinks!
- Students may bring water with a sealable top.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- Will there be any field trips?
  - Second grade will not have any field trips this quarter. We plan to schedule some soon.
- Will there be any class parties?
  - There is usually a Christmas Party and an End of the Year Party. We do plan on having these parties unless our administrator instructs us to do otherwise.
- Can I send cupcakes or treats to celebrate my child's birthday?
  - No, You may send individually wrapped treats or treat bags AS Long As it fits in your child's book bag.
- Can we have face to face meetings?
  - Yes, you can schedule a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher.
- How do I set up a conference?
  - Contact your child's teacher to set up a conference. You can email the teacher or call the teacher. The school's telephone number is (251)221-1139.
- How long should homework take? (30 minutes)
  - It should only take your child thirty minutes to complete their homework.

- What are the consequences to my child's behavior?
  - Student consequences for misbehavior include warnings, loss of time at snack, or loss of time at recess. If the child has three or more infractions for misbehavior within a week, then they will serve an hour of detention after school. Detention is served on Thursday from 3:15-4:15.
- How do you communicate with behavior?
  - Behavior will be documented in the classroom and communicated on Class Dojo. You can also see Conduct grades on Schoology.
- Do you send out newsletters?
  - Yes, we send out newsletters. Monthly newsletters are posted in Class Dojo, and a copy will be sent home.
- Is there tutoring available for my child?
  - To be determined
- What are some suggested websites for extra help?
  - Khan Academy, Get Epic, Myon, Prodigy, and Xtramath are great websites to give your child extra help in all subjects.
- Will behavior keep my child from honor roll?
  - Yes, behavior can prevent your child from making honor roll at Council. If your child has a 79 or lower in conduct, then your child will not make the honor roll.



- Can students bring water bottles to school?
  - Students are allowed to use the water fountains at school. Students can bring a water bottle to school if desired.
- How many times do you go to the restroom?
  - Students are taken to the restroom at least four times throughout the school day.
- How often do you send progress reports? (Schoology)
  - Progress reports will be sent mid-quarter. Schoology sends parents weekly reports for each subject. Grades can be checked on Schoology at any time.
- If you have a question not addressed here, please contact your child's teacher.