

Welcome to Second Grade!

We are so excited that you are here with us this year! We can't wait to begin this educational journey with you.

Philosophy:

Our educational philosophy is to reach your child where they are and move forward from there. We like to use their prior knowledge of the world around them to help to engage them in what we are learning in class. We feel that building relationships with our students is one of the most important aspects that we can use to help foster learning within our school and classroom communities. Our goal is to get kids outside and involved in our campus so that they take pride in the amazing resources that this campus offers us.

Management:

At Hudson Park Elementary, we teach students the expectations of responsible, respectful, safe and kind behaviors. Parent and school collaboration will guarantee that all our students are successful behaviorally and academically. In second grade, there will be positive reinforcements to encourage and support positive behavior, community and teamwork. We will strive for a positive reinforcement ratio of four to one. If your student is having trouble following school rules, the consequences are as follows:

Warning Consequence

1st warning Redirection

2nd warning Time out of some kind

3rd warning Student will fill out a Cougar Pause

4th warning We will call home and a Cougar Track will be sent home to be signed and returned.

Daily Schedule:

7:45 am drop off--Students will be walking to their classroom through the front door.

8:00 am School Starts

8:00-8:15 Breakfast served in the classroom *Free of charge to all students

11:00-11:30 Lunch in cafeteria *\$3.25/meal

2:45 pm departure except on Wednesdays: 12:45 pm. Students who are parent pick-ups will be under the covered area. Please remember to bring your ID with you to pick up your students. This year you will need to sign your student out with the teacher on duty. This is the district policy that will be enforced to ensure the safety of all students.

Specials Schedules:

This year's specials (music, P.E., Library, and Swimming) schedule will be different than in the past. Each class will have set specials for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with rotating specials on Monday and Friday. Second grade will be sending out monthly calendars so that families are able to keep track.

	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
Cedar	PE/Swimming Library Music
Taylor	Music PE/Swimming Library
Thompson	Library Music PE/Swimming

Grading and Report Card Policies:

Grades are given based on the State Standards on a scale of 1 to

4. 90-100: 4 Exceeding Standard

75-89.99: 3 Meeting Standard

50-74.99: 2 Approaching Standard

0-49.99: 1 Below Standard

Homework:

Homework folders will be sent home every Friday. If there is no school on a Friday, they will be passed out on the day before break.

All homework will be due the following Friday, but may be turned in before that time.

Reading: Students should be reading, or be read to, 20 minutes each night. An adult will need to fill out the reading log so students will be eligible for the Kindle drawing.

Spelling: Spelling tests will be on Friday. Students will have a week to finish the homework and practice.

Math: On occasion, math homework will be sent home. One of the most important things that you can help your child with is addition and subtraction facts. We will be practicing these in class but the more that you can help your child with these at home the easier it will be for them. If you are in need of math flashcards, please send us a note letting us know and we will send some home with your student.

It is very important that the homework folder comes back and forth to school with your student weekly.

Second grade is in need of committed weekly volunteers to help with the implementation of Sight Word Soldiers and Fact Fluency. These are year long programs that really help with the success of our students in the classroom. If this is something you are interested in, please pick up a volunteer packet at Open House.

Personal Information:

Mrs. Thompson

I have lived in Rainier most of my life. I went to the "old" Hudson Park Elementary School in grades one through four, then to Rainier Elementary in 5th grade, Delena Elementary in 6th grade, Rainier Middle school for 7th and 8th grade then Rainier High School where I graduated.

It may look like I moved around a lot since I went to so many different elementary schools in Rainier, but this was the plan as they were building the current Hudson Park Elementary and Rainier Junior/Senior High Schools.

I attended Western Oregon State College in Monmouth, Oregon where I graduated with a degree in elementary education.

After graduation I moved back to Rainier and substitute taught for a few years before getting a full time position with the Rainier School District in 1993. My husband and I, who is also a Rainier graduate (no we were not high school sweethearts) have two children who both went to school in Rainier. We have one grandson who will be two years old in December. When I am not at school I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading, camping, jewelry making and playing board games.

Mrs. Taylor

My name is Shawna Taylor, this is my seventh year teaching second grade at Hudson Park Elementary. I grew up in Forest Grove, Oregon and have spent time living in various places around the state. Prior to coming to Rainier, I taught third grade for two years in Burns, Oregon. I attended college at Western Oregon State University, Portland State University and Pacific University. I earned my Masters degree from Pacific University after spending many years working in an office setting. Educating children has always been my passion and that is why I decided to return to school to get my masters degree in education.

I have many interests when not at school. I love to bake, ride my horse, and take care of all of my other animals, as well as explore the outdoors. The beach is one of my favorites!. My husband and I have a small farm out of town. This is where I love to spend most of my time. We have three children and three grandsons.

Mrs. Cedar

My name is Sarah Cedar and this is my first year teaching at Hudson Park Elementary. I was born in Bremerton, WA but was raised in San Diego, CA and Guam. I traveled extensively around Asia when I was child. Eventually, my family moved back to Washington where I graduated high school. I attended Washington State University, earning a liberal arts bachelor's degree. Then I spent 16 years as a United States Navy spouse. In my adult life, I have lived in Virginia, Maine, Tennessee, and Hawaii. After my husband retired from service, we moved to Cowlitz County, WA to be near his family. I began substitute teaching soon after and then completed the Master of Arts in Teaching at Western Governors University. My passion lies in making a difference in the lives of the next generation of children.

My husband, Eric, and I have three children and three grandchildren. Outside of school, I love to hike, camp, spend time at the beach, and spoil my grandchildren. I'm excited to get to know each of your children and have a wonderful year of learning and growing.

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We are looking forward to a great year with your students!

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