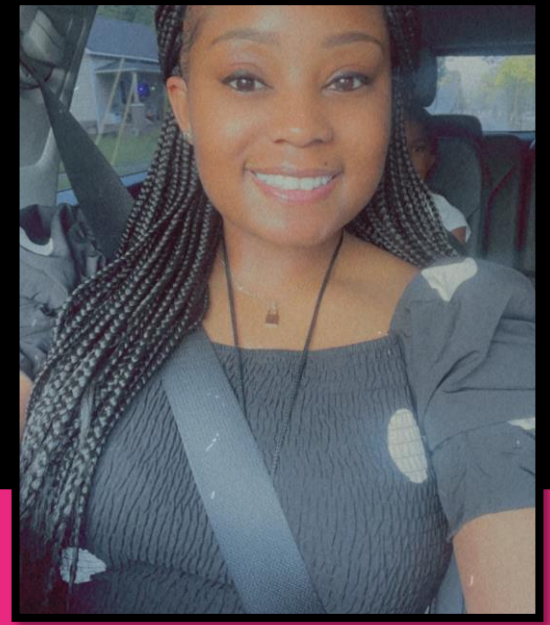


WELCOME

BACK TO SCHOOL



MEET THE TEACHER!



My name is Shatima Kemp. I am excited to be a 2nd Grade Teacher at Daniel Pratt Elementary School. I am from the small town of Beatrice, AL. This is my sixth year teaching! I have two children, Jesiah and Jayda, who I adore. When I am away from school, I love spending time with family, hiking, and lifting weights at the gym.

Education

Associate of Science
Bachelor-Childhood Education
Masters-Elementary Ed.
Masters-Instructional Leadership**
Education Specialist-Elementary Ed

Favorite Things

Marvel/Transformers
Coke Zero
Reese's Pieces
Loaded Teas



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I'm so excited to be your child's 2nd grade teacher! It's going to be a great year full of new friends, new adventures, and discoveries.

I love to have conversations with parents throughout the year. Please always contact me with any questions or concerns. I want to partner with you to best support your child's needs.

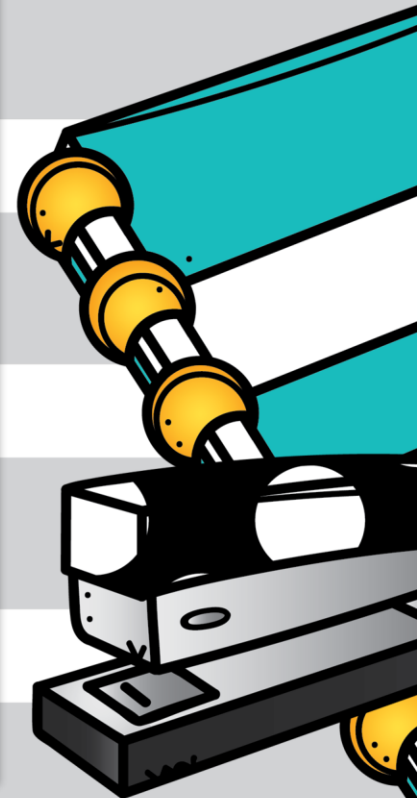
Let's make this an incredible year!



PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Contact Hours: 7:30-3:15
Planning Period: 11:40-12:20
Conferences (Monday-Wednesday)
*Telephone or In-person

The best way to contact me is through Parent Square messages or email. Please give me 24 hours to reply. If there is an afterschool pick-up change, it must be in writing, or you will need to contact the front office to communicate those changes.



Attendance & Arrival

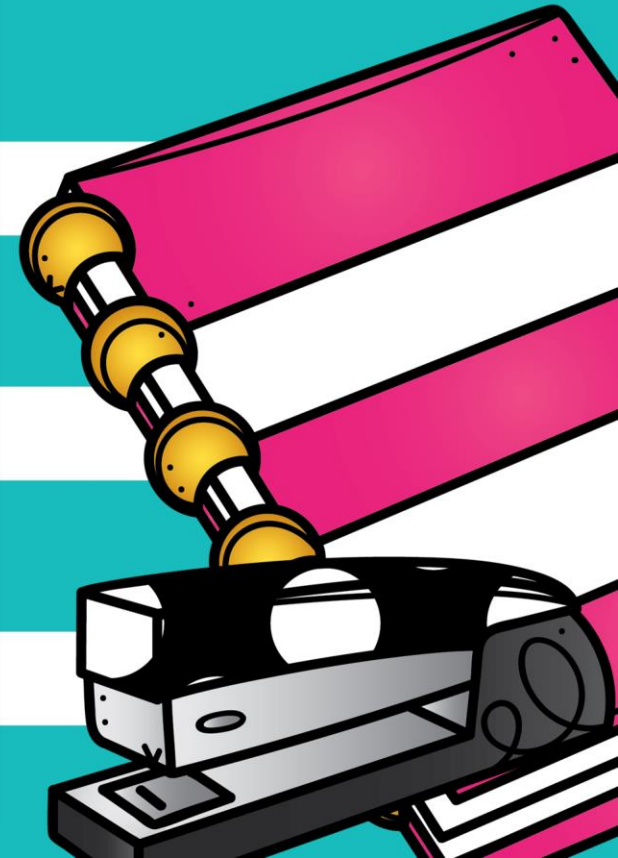
School doors open at 7:10.

Morning Supervision: 7:15 - 7:45

- School begins at 8:00.
- Students purchasing snacks will do so as they arrive, before going to class.
- Students may eat breakfast before 8:00.
- Please use the carpool line for arrival and dismissal.

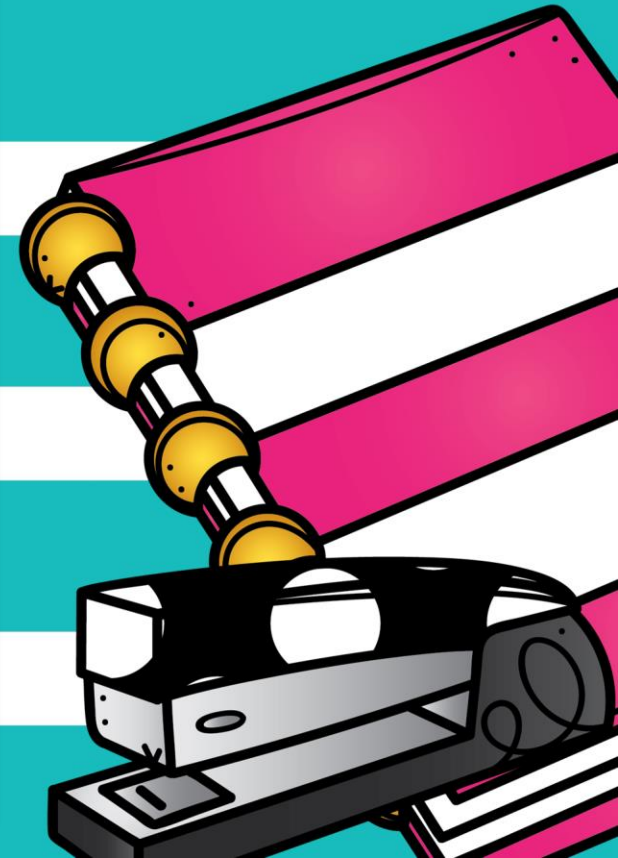
[DPES Carpool Video \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent, please contact me. Your child will need to have an excuse to make up missed assessments or assignments.



Dismissal

- Buses: Students will have a color-coded tag. This will help all teachers identify 1st and 2nd graders' modes of afternoon transportation. Please leave them on your child's bag. I will replace them if/when they are damaged.
- Walkers dismiss from the front Green Hall doors. Please meet your walker at the designated spot.
- Transportation Changes must be made in writing. I will send them to the office. **TEXTS OR EMAILS CAN BE ACCEPTED**, but I may not see them in time.
- No "check-outs" after 2:30.



Books & Binder



Your child has a binder that they will be given on the first day of school! This will always have their homework and any important forms in it.

Once we start our Reading Curriculum, Reading Books and Binder will come home every day. PLEASE SEND THESE BACK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!



Reading & Grammar

Reading & Grammar will be taught following the Alabama Course of Study. We will be using the Open Court Reading Curriculum. Reading & Grammar Grades are combined into a Single Grade (ELA) this year.

Reading & Grammar

- Story Tests will be used for the First Nine Weeks of School. After the first nine weeks, students will have cold reads on the comprehension portion of their reading assessments.
- Fluency Passages are major grades. (84 wpm)

Spelling

- Spelling Tests & Dictation Tests
- *Please pay attention to newsletters to determine if we will have a spelling or dictation test.*

Writing

- 1-2 Writing Grades per nine weeks
- Opinion, Informative, Narrative, & Research



Math

Math will be taught following the Alabama Course of Study. We will be using the updated version of the enVision Math curriculum.

- The math website is www.savvasrealize.com. This website can be accessed through Clever.
- Math tests and grades will be assessed throughout each Math unit. Math test dates are not as consistent as reading. Test dates will be announced in our Weekly newsletter.



Science/S.S

Science

Science will be taught following the Alabama Course of Study. We will be using the online program Mystery Science, teacher-created materials, and the textbook Interactive Science. Science grades will be given as S/N/U based on work turned in.

Social Studies

Social Studies will also be taught following the Alabama Course of Study. We will be using a program called Studies Weekly, Liberty Learning, teacher-created materials, and other resources to support our learning. Social Studies grades will be given as S/N/U based on work turned in.



HOMEWORK

I do not believe in giving a huge homework load, but instead encouraging your child to play outside and have fun being a kid after being in school all day. However, some homework can be good for reviewing lessons learned in class.

Weekly homework

- Read weekly story
- Practice Spelling Words
- Study Vocabulary

After the first nine weeks,
I will send home fluency
passages that align with our
phonics skills.



GRADING POLICY



Students will earn numerical/letter grades. The following is a breakdown of how grades are calculated.

ELA & Math

60% Major

40% Minor

Science & S.S

S-Satisfactory

N-Not Satisfactory

U-Unsatisfactory

Grading Scale

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 59-0



SNACK & LUNCH

Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students. Students can eat a snack each day at 1:25. Snacks can be purchased in the Snack Shack or sent in from home. It is vitally important to send snack money in a labeled envelope. Snacks must be purchased in the Snack Shack from 7:20-7:55. No carbonated drinks or candy (Only on Special Snack Days). 😊

Family Lunch Days will happen two times during the school year (Fall & Spring). Please join us in enjoying lunch with your child on those days. Information will be sent out close to those dates.

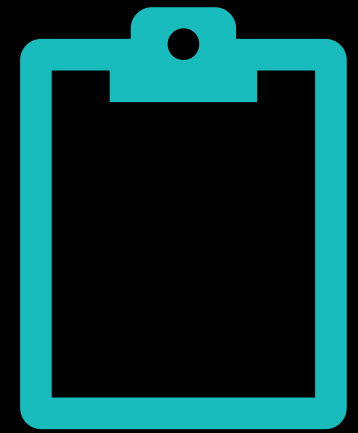


BIRTHDAYS

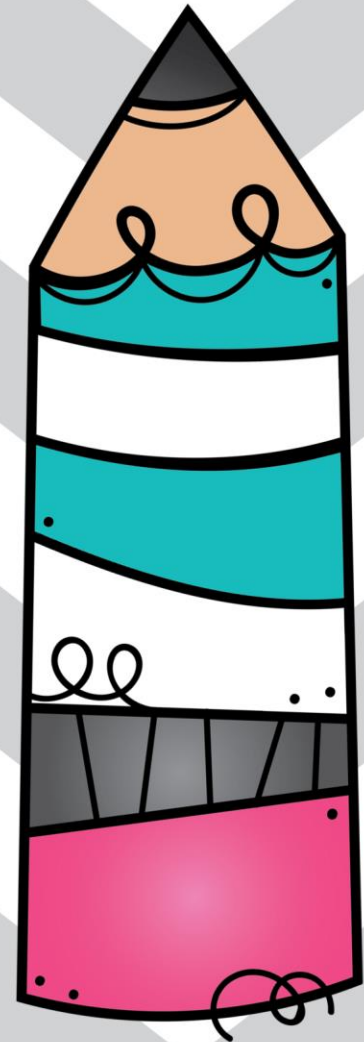
We would love to celebrate your child's birthday! Feel free to bring in an individually wrapped treat. Please check with me for any allergies and the number of students in our class. Please only send party invitations, if our whole class is invited...we're all friends in 2nd grade! Summer birthday?! No problem! Celebrate on their 1/2 birthday or a day of their choice!



BEHAVIOR POLICY



Please see the information included in your folder. Our behavior system is on my website, and a copy is in your Open House Packet. I will also post the behavior plan in Parent Square.



FIELD TRIPS

We have 4-5 field trips planned for this school year! Some of these field trips are More details will come home closer to the dates of each trip.

Water Safety

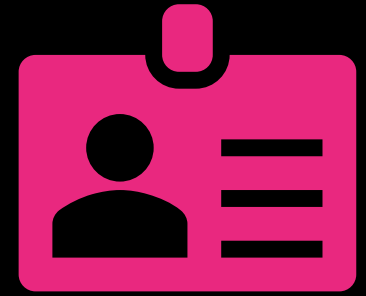
- Funds are due on August 21st
- Cash, or Checks
- \$10

Online Payment Option Coming Soon

Other Trips will be announced as we get closer to the date. Forms and money will be due on the date indicated on the forms. Money cannot be turned in to the front office. Deadlines are final.



VOLUNTEER ROUND UP!



I welcome all who would like to volunteer in our classroom. Volunteering will be on an as-needed basis. If you're interested in volunteering, please place your form in the basket on the counter.

Also, you must fill out a volunteer form from the school.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Copies
- Tearing out
Workbooks Pages
- Preparing materials
for an upcoming
lesson
- Classroom Parties



Other Important Info



- Any helpful resources can be found on Ms. Kemp's teacher page on the school website. The links to our website can be found below. Each of these websites can be found through Clever.

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- Please send ALL money in an envelope with your child's name, reason for money, amount, and teacher's name. Place in ZIPPER POUCH INSIDE THE BINDER! The office will not take money to deliver to the classroom.
- Medicine: Parents must fill out a form and return it with any medicine taken during the school day to the nurse.. Students may not deliver the medicine. Cough drops are alright, just let me know and don't share

QUESTIONS

