



Dear Second Grade Families,

Welcome to second grade! This year is going to be great! Together you and I have the opportunity of making sure your child has the best year possible. I am looking forward to working with you and your child. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions at (480) 541-2721 or email at aaceto@kyrene.org

Below you will find some helpful information to start the year off. Please make sure that you read each section.

Communication Folder

Each child has a blue communication folder to carry important papers to and from school. Folders are to go home and be returned to school EVERY day to help us stay organized! You will find papers that need to be returned to school on the “Homework/Things that need to be returned to school” side and the papers on the “Keep at Home” side are for you to have.

Weekly Reading

Every week your child will be responsible for reading once on the weekend and *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday* for 15 or more minutes. This is a special time for you to sit with your child and listen to he or she read. Once your child is done reading, please make sure they write down the book/s read and how much time they spent reading. On Thursday night have your child add up the time they spent reading and record it on their log. Your child is responsible for turning their completed reading log in with their homework packet.

Homework Packet

Your child will receive a homework packet every Friday. This packet needs to be completed and returned the following Friday.

Included in the homework packet you will find:

- **Spelling**-Complete the spelling handouts. Attached to the handouts is a blank sheet of paper. Pick something off the spelling menu to complete on the blank sheet. Mix it up each week!
- **Word problems**-The numbers can be changed to fit your child’s math ability. Let your child figure out the problems by themselves. When they are doing solving the problem, ask them how they solved it.
- **Writing**-Your child will be given a writing prompt to answer. The purpose of this is to have them develop the 6 traits of writing naturally.-(ideas, conventions, organization, sentence fluency, word choice and voice)

If the reading log or homework packet is not completed or turned in your child will read with me at Fun Friday.

Books sent home:

Every week your child will be sent home with two books. The first book goes along with the Harcourt reading series. The second book is checked out by me from the Colina literacy lab. These books are required to come back to school *every day* since they will be used during daily reading groups. If the book is permanently missing, there will be a bill for the amount of the book sent home. From there books cannot be sent home again until the amount is paid.

Spelling Words:

We have 15 spelling words every week. These words follow a focus spelling. The spelling words also include high frequency words. Please make sure to study the spelling words nightly. Spelling words will be introduced on Monday and tested on Friday. Take a look at the spelling menu to make spelling fun and exciting each night!!!

Birthdays:

Colina School will be following the Kyrene School District guidelines on celebrating birthdays in school. Parents/guardians are not permitted to bring cupcakes, treats, cookies, balloons, or flowers to school. If you are interested in bringing in a non-edible item such as pencils or stickers for a student's birthday, please let me know ahead of time. Each student receives a card and a pencil and has his/her name announced for their birthday as recognition of their special day! INvitatiosn may not be handed out on school grounds. Please use the class Friendship list.

Dress Code:

Children are *not allowed to wear flip flops* on the majority of the playground equipment outside. Spaghetti straps and halter tops are not allowed to be worn at school. If your child comes to school with spaghetti straps or a halter top they will be sent to the office to put on a shirt. This is a school wide dress code.

Specials

Monday Art: 7:55-8:40

Tuesday Music: 7:55-8:40

Wednesday Library: 7:55-8:40

Thursday Computer Lab: 7:55-8:40

Friday PE: 7:55-8:40

Daily Snack Recess: 9:15-9:30

Lunch Recess: 11:25-12:05 (*Recess is first and is 20 minutes, followed by a 20 minute lunch*)

Please keep the above information for future reference☺