

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I am looking forward to teaching your child. Second grade is a wonderful year to grow and learn. I will do everything possible to ensure a positive learning experience for your child. This letter contains information you will want to keep for reference throughout the year.

Basic concepts:

\*Spelling- unit words given on Mon. – test on Fri. ( spelling words will be used for handwriting instruction and vocabulary activities)

\*Writing- handwriting and the writing process, poetry, (types of writing include narrative, expository, persuasive, comparison, and explanatory)

\*Math – Saxon 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math program

\*Science – Earth, physical, and life sciences, also scientific method and science tools

\*Social Studies – maps, charts, graphs, cultures geography, and famous people

\*Reading – Saxon phonics, reading novels, reading skills, and AR

Tutoring: After the first six weeks we will begin scheduling regular tutoring times as needed. A letter will be sent home to to give more information at that time.

Homework folders: Your child will have a homework folder going home every night. Homework will always be a reteach assignment. You will be provided instructions for the homework. Graded papers will also be in the folder. Parent communication will be in the folder as well. Please check your child's folder every night and initial it to return the next day. Send notes from home in this folder. This is one of our best communication tool this year. Thank you for your help in advance.

Grades: Students will receive grades on all assignments. We will follow the school's grading policy in our gradebook program. If there is a grade below 70% in the homework folder, simply send it back to school the next day. Your child will be given one more opportunity to complete the assignment again. The new grade will replace the old grade.

AR Goals 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 12 points per 6 weeks

Students should earn 2 points each week by reading in school and at home. We will read books at school that will help with their goals. We would like to reward students for their reading efforts.

When your child acquires :

2 points - may bring a water bottle to class for the rest of the 6 weeks

5 points – may bring a nutritious snack for the rest of the six weeks

9 points – a free homework pass

12 points “goal” Karaoke party at the end of the 6 weeks

15 points (more than the goal) movie party at the end of the 6 weeks

Birthdays: You may bring refreshments to celebrate you child’s birthday at 2:30. Please bring enough for the class.

Parties: We welcome your help. Please sign up for the party or parties you want to help us with this year.

Projects and experiments: We will try to work on an experiment each week. We will enter the science fair this year and will need to ask for some supplies from home, but we will help the students do their projects here at school. Please see our donations list.

Conference time: 12:30 – 1:25pm

E-mail [dorisd@medinisd..org](mailto:dorisd@medinisd..org)                      [suziel@medinaisd.org](mailto:suziel@medinaisd.org)

Classroom rules: 1) Raise your hand to speak during class.

2) Raise your hand to leave your seat during class

3) Follow directions.

4) Do your best work.

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Positive consequences Time in the “cozy corner”, praise, stickers, stamps, etc.

Negative consequences: 1) verbal warning 2) name on board 3) loss of recess morning and, or afternoon (continued or severe misbehavior phone call to parent and or a trip to the office)

This will be a wonderful year and again thanks in advance for all your support.

Sincerely, Suzie Lee and DJ Dabney

