

2nd Grade Handbook 2016-17

Mrs. Parker's Class





Welcome to 2nd grade! We are looking forward to a year full of learning & fun. Please keep this booklet in a handy place to refer to throughout the year.

***Your child will have a take home folder that we ask you help them "clean out" each day so you don't miss important notes, school announcements and awesome things created at school! Please leave the behavior log and the reading log in the take home folder.

Supplies

Pencils (36), erasers, scissors, pencil box, crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolor paint, glue sticks (10), wide spaced spiral notebooks (3), 2-pocket folders(5), glue bottle, 1 container of disinfecting wipes, 3 boxes of facial tissues, ear buds, stylus

Communications/Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please feel free to call or email your child's teacher. The best time to reach us on our school phone is between 2:15-2:50. The school's phone number is 354-2300. Our phone extensions & email addresses are:

Mrs. Forsgren(439) lforsgren@barnesville.k12.mn.us

Mrs. Meyer(436) smeyer@barnesville.k12.mn.us

Mrs. Parker (435) pparker@barnesville.k12.mn.us

Mrs. Gylland (424) igylland@barnesville.k12.mn.us

**We check our emails before school starts and during the 2:15-2:50 time slot. If you have an urgent message that we need to know before school lets out such as change in going home plans please call the office as we won't see the email late in the day or if a substitute teacher is teaching that day they do not have access to our email.

**Change in After School Plans: It can be quite hectic at the end of some school days. If your child is to go

to a different place (than usual) after school, you must notify your child's teacher with either a note or a call to the office by 2 p.m. A verbal message from the child will not be accepted. The child will then go home the usual way, unless proper notification has been given. This is to ensure their safety. If your child is having a birthday party after school, please send a list of the children that will be leaving with your child.

**Please remember to sign your child in or out of school in the office if they come after 8:30 or will be picked up early.

**Newsletters will be sent home each Friday.

Milk Break

Milk and juice break will be mid morning for approximately 15 minutes. Children may bring a healthy snack from home to have at that time. Milk & Juice prices are \$23.00 for half year or \$46.00 for the whole year.

BIRTHDAYS!

Your child is welcome to bring a store/bakery purchased treat for his/her class on their birthday. If their birthday falls on the weekend or a holiday it will be celebrated on a day close to the actual birthday. We celebrate summer birthdays on their "half birthday" date (6 months from the actual date). Please note in the school handbook that invitations CAN NOT be handed out in school.

Book Order:



Book orders are sent home several times a year. Your child doesn't have to order however, the books are very reasonable and a good way to build a home library.

Library Books

We visit the library as a whole class once a week. Students are able to check out 5 books at a time. Along with their class library time, the children will also have short windows of time most days to exchange AR books they have read and quizzed on. We are asking that one of their AR books always stays at school to use during AR reading time.

Library Times:

Mrs. Parker...Friday @ 8:45

Mrs. Gylland..Friday @ 10:35

Mrs. Meyer... Wednesday @ 10:35

Mrs. Forsgren....Thursday @10:35

Discipline Plan

We use a plan called "Above the Line" behaviors. In our homerooms we will make a list of appropriate (above the line) as well as making a list of inappropriate (below the line) behaviors. For inappropriate behaviors that have been given adequate reminders and the behavior continues, a child will turn their card. It is a progression from green-yellow-orange-red. If a student ends up having to turn their card to red, they will bring home a colored "Fix-It" plan. This plan will be filled out by the teacher with the child. It will then be sent home to be signed that night by a parent, and then returned the next day to whomever issued the fix-it plan. Please look in your child's take home folder each day at their monthly behavior calendar because they will color in where their behavior card finished at by the end of the day.

**Each class will also be working as a whole group to earn 100 points for a whole class reward.

Our Curriculum

Handwriting: We will be using a new series in 2nd grade this year called Handwriting without Tears.

During the second half of the year we will introduce cursive handwriting. We want to stress the importance of neat printing throughout all subjects. This will be taken into consideration when marking their report card.

Spelling: Our spelling lists are typically 14-16 words with a "big review" test approximately every four weeks that has 25 words. A spelling pretest will be given on Wednesdays. If a word is missed, another test will be given on Friday. On weeks with 3 days or less, there will be no spelling tests. Spelling awards are given to students at the end of the year if they earned 100% on either the Wednesday or Friday test.

Math: Our EnVision math series provides for differentiated instruction that meets individual needs. Time will be spent on basic addition and subtraction facts as well as core math topics ranging from counting money, telling time and story problems. Your child will have several math apps on their iPads that are a great way to practice at home. Accelerated Math and Study Island will also be used to enrich and supplement your child's math skills.

Reading: With all the skills that were learned last year, your child will be able to increase their overall reading ability by reading in our literature-based anthology. We will strengthen phonetic, vocabulary, and writing skills with our reading curriculum, RTI, AR, and Daily 5 activities. With Accelerated Reader (AR) being a big part of our students' individualized reading program and hence making reading gains, we will have a daily time for AR reading. It is crucial that your child also has a reading time at home. We highly recommend an extra 15-20 of reading time several times a week. We began the Steve Dunn Writing Curriculum last year, which we will continue to teach and build upon the student's first grade experiences.

Science/Social Studies/Health: Each classroom teacher will be teaching these subjects in their own class. Your child may have science unit one week and a social studies unit the next week. We will be sharing textbooks between the three classrooms so we will not all be doing the same lessons at the same time but the children will have the same topics and lessons taught.

iPads: iPads will be issued at the beginning of the year. We will post in our newsletters when they will come be coming home. We expect iPads to be transported back and forth in their case.

Music/Physical Education:

Mr. Broderius is our Music teacher! We will let you know when he has scheduled the 2nd graders' music program.

Mr. Hodge is our Physical Education teacher. The children must have a pair of tennis shoes to wear in the gym. If your child will wear tennis shoes on a regular basis to school and they tend to get muddy, kindly consider having an additional pair "just for gym".

**Music and Physical Education meet 5 days a week.

Art: We will have weekly art lessons and projects though out the year. We also have many cross curriculum reading/writing/art activities.

Dress Code: Please refer to the Parent/Student handbook, which is posted online.

Year End Awards: Awards are given for 100% for spelling tests on either the Wednesday or Friday test and Accelerated Reading Award for earning 75 points or more with 80% accuracy on quizzes.

Electronics/Toys: Please view the online handbook encouraging students to NOT bring any electronic devices to school. If something is brought to school they must be kept in backpacks. If they become visible during class they will be taken away and given back at the end of the day. If it happens a second time you will have to come and pick up the device from the office.

