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Dear Parent,

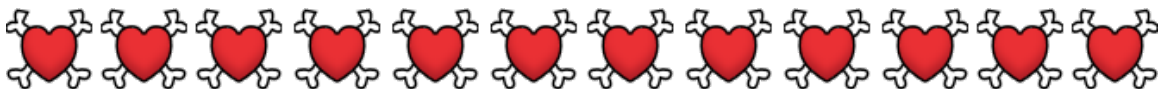
Welcome to Second Grade! I want to let you know that I am thrilled about teaching your child! We have an exciting second grade year ahead of us. It will be both fun and challenging.

I believe that the education of a child is a team effort. Your child will achieve much more with us working as a team. If at any time I can be of help to you, feel free to contact me at school (334-5135). If I am unable to talk to you at that time, please leave a message, and I will return your call as soon as possible. In the folder you will find a schedule for second grade. If you need to see me, please note the planning periods that are listed. If those periods are not convenient for you, I will be happy to meet with you before or after school.

As your child's teacher, I would like to share some of my expectations and acquaint you with some general information about our classroom and Cedar Ridge Elementary. I hope that this packet will help you understand what is expected in second grade and answer any questions you may have.

School Times

School begins at 8:45 and ends at 3:45 on Monday through Thursday. On Friday, dismissal is at 2:45. After 8:45, your child will be counted tardy and will need to go to the office to check in. Your child may enter the building at 8:10 and must report directly to the gym.



Absences

If a student is absent, please call the school or send a note the next day informing us about the absence. If you would like your child's work for the day, call the school by 9:30 a.m. and it will be ready after 3:30 p.m.

Students are responsible for obtaining their own make-up work. I realize that circumstance and illness will occur that prevent your child from being present at school. However, I would like to stress the importance of being in class. Learning occurs in the classroom and often lessons that are missed in class cannot be made up through homework. You can help your child's success by making sure that he or she is in class on time.

Money

On occasion it will be necessary for your child to bring money to school. Always send money in a sealed envelope with the following information written on it.

1. Your child's first and last name.
2. The amount of money
3. The purpose for the money (lunch money, book order, etc.)
4. My name and the room number (Mrs. Brashers, Room 407)

Book Orders

I will be sending book order forms home with your child. There is never an obligation to buy anything. However, this is an inexpensive way to build your child's home library. If you send a check for a book order, please make it payable to the book club.

Transportation Notes

Please make me aware of your child's daily transportation schedule. This schedule will be followed daily unless the school is notified otherwise. If your child is going home from school in a way that is out of the ordinary, please send a note that morning or call the school office at (334-5135). The note should be written identifying your child's first and last name, destination, bus number, and our class number or my name (room 407 or Mrs. Brashers). If a note is not sent, a call must be made to the office by 2:30 p.m. on the day of the change. See the Parent/Student Handbook for more details. If I am not aware of the change in transportation in either of the two methods mentioned, I will send your child home his/her normal schedule.

Outdoor Recess

All children are expected to go outside for recess unless they have a doctor's excuse. Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately daily. Temperatures can change drastically. Pay attention to the weather forecast to ensure proper dress.

Friday Folders

I will send home folders each Friday with notes from the office and some of your child's work from the previous week. This way we can ensure a good path of communication. I will keep some of their work in their portfolio at school. Please go through the folder with your child, **sign it, and return the folder on Monday.**

Homework

As I mentioned earlier your child will have a limited amount of homework in the second grade. Each week I will send a reading log. It will be sent home on Friday and is due back the following Friday. Your child will occasionally bring home various study guides for Math. I believe these study guides are important to your child's success. Reviewing with your child will lead to enhanced test scores.

Students will also bring home completed math assignments daily from the Envision Math Program. Please look over them with your son/daughter. They do not need to be returned.

Students will also have two projects in the Second Semester.

Volunteers and Classroom Visits

If you would like to volunteer in the classroom this year, please fill out the volunteer sheet and send it back to me. I will be making a volunteer schedule the third week of school. I like to have parents come in and help during reading time and also help with various projects. I would also like to have a volunteer come in and help by making copies each week. If you would be willing to be a regular volunteer, please let me know. ☺

Parent/School Communication

I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. It is a necessity that you and I work as a team. Throughout the year I will communicate with you through notes, remind, telephone calls, newsletters, quarterly reports and parent-teacher conferences. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. You can call me at school (334-5135), email me at brashers@branson.k12.mo.us, or send me a note. I am available for conferences regarding your child's progress before school, after school, and during my planning periods, by appointment on school days. I appreciate you scheduling these times in advance.



I look forward to working with you this year! I hope this information will help you better understand some of your child's responsibilities this year. I wish to thank you in advance for your time and support. I am grateful for the opportunity to teach your child. I have high expectations for all of my students in second grade. Second grade can be more challenging than previous grades to children. This may take an adjustment period by your child. With these high expectations, I will strive to set a very positive tone for my students to ease into this transition. Working together we will make this a wonderful year!

Your Partner in Education,

Nancy Brashers