

Welcome to Second Grade!

Arrival and Dismissal

Students who arrive at school before 8:00 must report to the cafeteria. The first bell rings at 8:00 AM. Students will walk to their classrooms from their assigned areas at 7:50. Breakfast is served in the classroom for all students beginning at 7:50 AM.

The tardy bell rings at 8:10 AM. Students must be in the classroom ready to learn at this time, or they will be counted tardy. If students arrive late, they must travel to the office to receive a tardy pass before entering the classroom.

School dismisses at 3:35 PM. Our class will dismiss out the door at the end of the second grade hallway on the north side of the building. **Please make sure you have your car tag every day. If you don't have your car tag, you will be asked to go to the office.** Each class will exit the building and sit under the covered area before being released to parents. Students must notify the teacher that their parent has arrived before leaving. Please be patient with us as we learn your names and faces.

If your child's transportation changes (even for one day), you must notify the teacher in writing (email, Class Dojo, or Remind 101) prior to 3:00 PM the day the change takes place.

The person who will pick up your child must also be listed in Skyward and have a car tag.

If you need to check your child out early for any reason, you must arrive before 3:00 PM. This is to ensure we have a smooth dismissal at our normal time of 3:35 PM.

Absences

It is very important to be at school every day! If you miss one day in second grade, you miss a LOT! Students are tardy if they are not in the room at 8:10. Multiple tardies can keep a child from being awarded a Perfect Attendance or Excellent Attendance at the end of every nine weeks. Excused/Unexcused Absences-Parents must call in before 10:00 A.M. on the day of the absence AND provide a note within four days of the absence.

Address and Phone Numbers

Please notify the school if your phone number, address, or email changes. It is very important that we have current and correct information on file at all times in case we need to reach you.

Take Home Agenda and Binder

Your child will bring home an agenda every day. This agenda contains a calendar where your child's behavior for the day will be noted. Please initial this calendar daily. The take home binder will also contain the homework checklist and reading log. Please help your child complete their homework each night and read books together to fill up their reading log. Please check your child's agenda each night for communication from the teacher and school.

Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks

Breakfast is served in the classroom to all students beginning at 7:50 -8:10 AM. Our lunch period is from 10:55--11:25 AM. The cost of lunch is \$2.70. Snacks may also be purchased from the cafeteria for an additional fee. Please check your child's lunch account periodically to ensure there is not a negative balance.

Each student has a cafeteria account which parents may fund by sending cash or checks, or by visiting www.myschoolbucks.com

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their children but no other students are allowed to join. Parent(s) and child must sit at the designated parent table.

Volunteers

We love volunteers! If you would like to volunteer to help your child's classroom, please see the form included in this packet. Volunteers often help make copies, laminate, cut out papers for projects, work on class projects at home, help plan class parties, and chaperone field trips. If you would like to be a volunteer, we encourage you to complete an online background check as soon as possible at www.gpisd.org.

Class Parties/Birthdays

We will have two class parties: Winter Party- Friday December 20 and Valentine's Day- Friday, February 14. Notes will be sent home notifying you of the time and requesting donations for party materials. School rules prohibit birthday parties in the classroom, however, parents may bring pre packaged treats 5 minutes before the end of the school day. No balloons or flowers may be brought, and parents are not allowed to attend.

Field Trips

We will be taking three field trips this year. Our district field trip will be to the GPISD Nature Center and to the Planetarium. These field trip does not require chaperones, since the students will be very engaged in learning activities and remain with the teacher. Our third field trip will be in the spring. As soon as a date is secured, notes will be sent home. All parents wishing to chaperone the field trip must have a completed and cleared background check on file with the district no later than two weeks before the day of the field trip.

Remind101or Class Dojo

In this folder, you will find an information sheet about a program titled Remind 101 or Class Dojo. You can use this program to sign up to receive reminders via text message or email about important things happening in the classroom.