



Year of The Wildebeest (Gnu)

Welcome to Second Grade!

Hello Parents,

Welcome to second grade and a new and exciting academic year. I am thrilled to have your child in my class this year!

This is a very special year in your child's life. Second grade is a time to experience important transitions and acquire new skills of learning. We will have fun with science experiments, social studies discussions, math investigations and practices, story writing, practicing reading fluency and learning how to become more independent learner.

I would like this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kerry Kay Rowe and I will be your child's second grade teacher this year. This will be my ninth year in teaching and my fourth year at AISM. Teaching is my passion, and I am looking forward to a great year with the students. I will ensure your child is learning, working at their full potential and enjoying their time at school.

I am looking forward to working with you this year. It is important that we all work together to ensure the success of your child. I would like to have a healthy relationship with all my student's parents. I believe if we work together (teacher, parents, and student) hand in hand we will have a successful year. As a parent you are an important part of your child's learning experience.

I have outlined a list of classroom expectations on a separate sheet of paper. Please read each section which contains information about your child's learning and time at school.

Second grade is an awesome year, and I am sure that your child will enjoy it!!!

Sincerely,



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Classroom Expectations

Class Behavior Expectations

Attitude and effort are everything. In order to create a classroom community that is comfortable for students to learn and reach their highest potential, students will be responsible for behaving in accordance with the classroom and school expectations/ rules. I will devote the beginning of the school year to activities that create a warm, welcoming and safe classroom climate! I hold high expectations for myself and my students, and I want your child to understand that they will exceed those expectations through hard work and dedication!

In our classroom, all students have the right to learn and the right to be safe! We will be following our 5 classroom rules in order for all students to learn, be safe, and reach his/her fullest potential!

Second graders are expected to know and apply “**Class Rules**” every day.

1. Be respectful at all times to students, teachers and other adults
2. Be responsible
3. Listen carefully when others are talking
4. Raise your hand for permission to speak and leave your seat.
5. Always do your best work.

If I forget about the rules my teacher will:

1. Remind me
2. ask me to move my clip to **yellow** and reflect on my behavior.
3. ask me to move my clip to **blue** and I will take a 5-minute time out from recess.
4. ask me to move my clip to **red** and she will call home to discuss my behavior with my parents



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Students will be able to track their behavior with the in-class behavior chart. This chart is a reminder that helps students remain knowledgeable of their behavior. Good behavior will be rewarded at the end of each trimester.

Textbook/Materials

A supply lists is available for your child. Thank you in advance for purchasing the items listed. We are using a classroom set of text books. Students will receive their practice books, online resources access code, as well as worksheets to support their learning needs. Please refer to www.aismonrovia.openapply.com to access supply list.

Requirements: Materials and Supplies for each school day

Materials/supplies: Students are required to bring the following items to class every day:

- Composition notebook
- Agenda/Homework folder
- Homework
- 2 or 3 sharpened pencils
- eraser

Daily Reading

Students should be reading for a minimum of 15- 20 minutes each evening. They may read on their own or with an adult. They will also be writing about books they read as well as complete a reading log. Students will be required to do a fluency homework passage with their parents. This will be given on Mondays for daily practice and turn in on Fridays.

Homework

Students are expected to complete and turn in all homework in a timely manner. I will provide your child with a sturdy homework folder that should last all year. Please use this folder to return sheets and send notes. Homework is usually due the next day or as specified by the teacher.

Skill practicing such as reading, writing and math are important to work on at home on a regular basis. Home support and encouragement is crucial to the development of these skills in children of this age. Please check

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your child's assignments, but allow him or her to take responsibility for doing the work. Homework will be graded on effort and completion.

Library

We will go to the school library once a week. Your child may borrow a book or two. These books may be returned before or on the next scheduled library day. Keep a safe spot for your books at home so that they remain clean and undamaged. Damaged, soiled or unreturned books are your responsibility and has a fine.

P.E./Gym

We will have gym class with Ms. M. Wiles on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child is appropriately dress for gym and wear sneakers on these days.

Communication between school and home is very important to your child's education. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me. If your child does not feel safe, comfortable, or happy about school please contact me and we will work together to solve any problems.

You will not believe how much your child will learn and grow this year. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

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