

ABC's of Second Grade

A Attendance- It is so important for your child to be at school on time everyday! You will significantly increase your child's chances for success by making sure that he or she is here, and on time, each day. The first bell rings at 8:25. This is when we will be taking up juice and snack on Monday morning, when students do bell-work, and get ready for their day. Please try to have your child here at 8:25 so he or she may take advantage of this preparation time. The tardy bell rings at 8:40. This is when our teaching day begins.

B Backpacks- Be sure that your child brings his or her backpack to school everyday so that we can be sure everything makes it to and from school. While unpacking, if a student forgets an item in his or her backpack and has to go back to the backpack to retrieve it during class, he or she will have to sign the conduct log. We will give the students two weeks to get used to this rule. Please, no rolling backpacks. We do not have room for them. Also, please clean out your child's backpack once a week. This will help cut down on debris. Thank you.

C Conferences- Good communication between home and school is important to your child's academic success. If there is a need for a conference, one of us will contact you, or you may contact one of us. You may also contact our Parent Liason, Mr. VanDiver at 269-3625. We will be glad to meet with you at any time!

D Dress Code- Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately each day, as is outlined in the school dress code.

E Emergency Information- It is incredibly important that we have correct and up-to-date phone numbers for you! If there is an emergency, we need to be able to contact you, so please let us know if your address or phone number changes during the school year.

F Field Trips- We will be planning several field trips this year, which are both fun and educational for your child. Be sure to return permission slips quickly so that your child will not have to miss any of these wonderful opportunities! Some of these field trips will include The Montgomery Zoo, \$4.50 per child, and The Planetarium, \$1.75 per child. The Davis Theater is another possible field trip. The cost of a Montgomery Public School bus will be added into the price. This is usually \$3.00-\$4.00 per child. All prices are subject to change.

G Grades- We will send home all graded classwork every two weeks, so you should always be aware of how your child is doing in class. Please SIGN the progress report and yellow folder, and RETURN everything that was sent home. This includes ALL papers. Remind your child to always do his or her best work. The grading procedures are as follows:

Grading Scale:

90-100=A 80-89=B 70-79=C 60-69=D 0-60=F

Grading Weights for each subject:

Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies: 65% Test Grades, 35% Daily Grades

Language Arts (English and Spelling): 10% Spelling, 60% Language Tests, 30% Language Daily

Conduct: A, B, C, D, or F

Health and Handwriting: Excellent, Good, Satisfactory, Needs Improvement, Unsatisfactory

H Homework- Your child will have nightly homework, which will come home his or her purple folder on the "return" side. Please be sure that it is back in this folder so that it will make it back to school the next day! Please refer to your Second Grade Class Happenings Page at <http://www.quia.com/pages/mrsaskew/carver> to stay informed of what is going on in all second grade classes at Carver Elementary & Arts Magnet.

I Invitations- Students may only hand out invitations (for birthday parties, etc.) if there is one for every child in the class. Otherwise, please take care of this outside of school. We don't want anyone to have hurt feelings!

J Join the PTA- The PTA is a great way for you to get involved at Carver Elementary & Arts Magnet! Information about joining the PTA will be coming home with your child during the first few weeks of school.

K Kindness- An important part of a successful classroom is that all students treat one another with kindness. We expect all students to be kind in their words and actions.

L Lunch- You are more than welcome to eat lunch with your child, and this is always such a fun surprise for them! Please meet your child outside of the cafeteria, and don't forget to check in at the office. Each second grade teacher will inform parents of their child's lunch time.

M Math- We will be following a new curriculum in math this year. It will consist of the new Common Core Standards. Math homework will be sent home in the purple homework folder each night. Please work with your child on his or her math facts. Flash cards are good for this. The faster your child is at math facts, the better he or she is at math.

N Newsletter- The weekly newsletter with the spelling, vocabulary, and amazing words, along with what we will be studying in math, science and social studies will be placed in your child's purple folder each Monday. Please refer to it for information about important class information.

O Office- Remember to check in at the office any time you visit school. This is a school-wide policy and it helps to keep your child safe.

P Paperwork- All forms sent home at the beginning of the school year MUST be returned within the week. These papers are extremely important and must be filed in the student's cumulative folder. Please do not put this off. There are many papers to be signed in the Montgomery Public Schools handbook. Make sure to check there, in the front, as well as the back for any papers that are to be signed. Thank you.

Q Questions- If you have any questions for any of the second grade teachers, please feel free to email us. Our email addresses are: dandrea.evans@mps.k12.al.us, nancy.askew@mps.k12.al.us (soon to be nancy.gezzi@mps.k12.al.us), karla.struggs@mps.k12.al.us, and gail.townes@mps.k12.al.us. You may also contact the school to leave a message for us, or get in touch with our Parent Liason, Mr. VanDiver.

R Reading Log- As a part of the school-wide homework policy, your child should be reading at home every night for at least 20 minutes. Please be sure that you record that he or she has read on the reading log by initialing it. Reading logs will be kept in the purple folder on the "return" side so they may be checked.

S Supplies- A second grade supply list was mailed to you. Please make sure your child has ALL of the supplies listed on the supply sheet so that our year will run smoothly. Each day, your child should come to school with sharpened pencils, crayons, glue sticks, paper, scissors, and his or her purple folder with last night's homework. These are the minimum supplies your child should have in his or her desk EVERY DAY. Please ask your child each day if he or she needs supplies for school. Pencils get lost, so you may want to keep a ready supply and a sharpener on hand.

T Technology- Yes, cell phones are now allowed at school. However, all cell phones must remain in the off position and kept in bookbags until the school day is over. At this time, cell phones may be turned on. No child will be calling home during the day on his or her cell phone. All calls will be made through the teacher, office, nurse, counselor, or Mr.

VanDiver, our Parent Liason.

U Units- Along with the thirty wonderful week-long Reading Units for each story, we will also have many other important units of study this year. Some of these include Geography, Map and Globe Skills, Charts and Graphs, Animal Groups, Plants, The Solar System, Conflict Resolution, Addition and Subtraction Strategies, Fractions, Probability, and many more! So stay tuned, this will be an action-packed year, full of learning!

V Volunteers- WE NEED YOU! Parental support is an important part of the second grade program. If you are able to give some time, we would love your help in any of the following areas: being a room mother or father, copying papers for the second grade classes, giving your teacher a duty-free lunch, cutting out things for centers or activities, driving on a field trip (when buses are not used), speaking to the class about a special topic, planning a party, or anything you might want to contribute. If you feel that you would like to help in any way, please fill out the volunteer form and give it to your homeroom teacher.

W Winning- Students here at Carver Elementary & Arts Magnet will be all smiles and have winning attitudes with our new Positive Behavior Support plan. Students caught being good will win tickets to buy rewards with this year. As teachers, we can't wait to see the happy faces when students get to spend their tickets at the reward store. This can be made even better with your support. If you would like to donate to the reward store, give your donations to your teacher or to the office and tell them it is for the PBS plan. It all goes to the children. Thank you so much!

X X-tra Practice- If you need extra practice for your child on any subject please visit <http://www.quia.com/pages/mrsaskew/carver>. If you click the "Welcome" sign, there is a site for you too!

Y Your Support- Your support is so important to your child's success in school! If you have any questions or concerns about anything in the classroom, please contact one of us. We are here to help your child be successful!

Z Zzzzzzz- Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night so that he or she is prepared to do his or her best in class!

Your second grade teachers,

Mr. Evans

Mrs. Gezzi

Mrs. Struggs

Mrs. Townes