



Second Grade Handbook  
2017-2018

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## Arrival

First bell rings at 7:30  
Tardy bell rings at 7:40

## Dismissal

We dismiss at 3:00

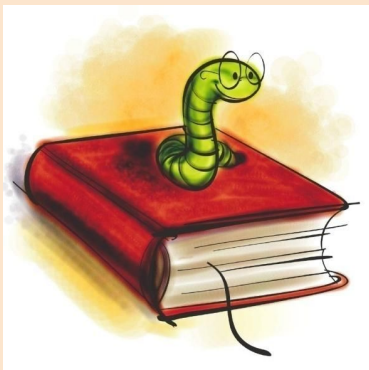
If at all possible please be consistent with the way your child gets home. If you need to change how your child gets home, it is very important that you send a note and place it in your child's binder. If you do not notify us, your child will go home their usual way.

We do not always get a chance to get to our phone messages or emails while the children are in class. If you need to change something during the day, it is best to contact the office and they will notify us.

**Remember you must notify the office by 2:00.**

## Binders

All second graders will have a binder assigned to them. They are responsible for carrying this binder to and from school each day. We will provide the first binder. If it gets lost or damaged, you will need to pay \$3 to replace it.



These binders **may** contain the following items: , conduct communication calendar, homework assignments, parent/teacher communication, reading log, spelling list and guided reading baggie/folder.

It is very important that you **view** your child's binder daily.

Be sure to sign your child's conduct communication and reading log on a daily basis.

## **Guided Reading Books**

Your child will borrow books from our Literacy Library almost daily as part of their reading instruction. If it is lost or damaged, you must pay a fee of \$15 per book. Thanks for taking care of our resources.

## **Spelling Instruction**

Here at Savannah Elementary we have developed vertically aligned word walls, kindergarten through fifth grade. Research shows, word walls support students ongoing study of how words work. These are interactive, not simply a display of words. Word walls encourage students to actively learn about words and their meaning and will be referenced throughout all subject areas. **In accordance with our standards based report card, instead of traditional spelling tests we will hold students accountable for their spelling through various writing samples and spelling activities.**

## **Homework**

In order to accommodate busy schedules we will send homework each Monday. Homework will be due on Friday of that week. This is in addition to reading (guided reading book).

Your child must read for at least 15-20 minutes each night. You must sign their reading log in order for them to get credit. Children who do their homework get rewarded. It is important for them to return their guided reading books daily, because these books will be used during their guided reading lesson for the day.

## **Tuesday Folders**

Each Tuesday your child will bring home a their **Tuesday Folder**, which will contain fliers and important school communication, also completed school work. Please be sure to take out all items and sign folder and return to school the following day.

## Snacks

Each day, please send a healthy snack for your child to eat. No candy! Your child may bring a bottle of water to keep in their cubby to use during the day. Please no juice packs for snack.

## Volunteers

We encourage parents to volunteer for a variety of things at Savannah. Each parent who volunteers (helping in the classrooms, going on field trips, etc.) must complete a district background check, the application can be completed on-line.

[https://www.applitrack.com/denton/onlineapp/\\_application.aspx?starting=true](https://www.applitrack.com/denton/onlineapp/_application.aspx?starting=true)

You may find information about joining our PTA on our school website.

## Shoes

At school your child will run, jump, climb, skip and hop. Closed-toe flat shoes are the safest for school wear. They will help your child perform and feel comfortable, as well as avoid falls and injuries to self or others. **Students must wear running shoes on PE Days, students will receive a color change if they do not have on appropriate shoes for PE. They may keep a pair of shoes in their cubby for PE days.**

## Recess

We will go outside every day, weather permitting. Please check the weather and dress your child appropriately. Due to variations in the indoor and outdoor temperatures, we suggest that your child bring a jacket or sweatshirt to leave at school. Label all coats, jackets and lunch boxes.

## Toys

- We need an environment that is conducive to learning. **Please leave all toys, games, dolls, and other novelties at home.**
- Balls and jump ropes to use on the playground at recess are allowed.

## **Electronics**

Second Grade students are not allowed to use home electronics at school unless their parent writes a note explaining that they understand the items are to be used for academics only and any loss or damage is NOT the responsibility of the school. If your student brings a cell phone, it must be kept in their backpack and turned off until they leave the building.

## **Medication**

We are not allowed to give medication at school unless you have completed the medication form. The medication must be taken to the nurse and must be in a clearly marked prescription bottle for the nurse to administer. Please check with the school nurse if you have any questions.

## **Sending Money**

There will be times that it is necessary for your child to bring money to school. Always send money in a sealed envelope or baggie with the following information written on it:

- Your child's first and last name
- The amount of money
- The purpose for the money (e.g., lunch money)
- My name and 2nd grade

This will help me out enormously and reduces the likelihood of errors. Also, if the envelope is dropped in the hallway or left elsewhere, this information will help return the money to my classroom.

## **Grading in 2nd Grade**

Grading in Second grade is based on a 1,2,3 system. A grade of 3 is meeting expectations. A grade of 2 is progressing. A grade of 1 needs improvement. Number grades are reserved for assessment purposes. Other work will have feedback from me regarding the student's progress in lieu of a grade. If you have questions about any of your student's work, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help!

## **Newsletters**

I will create and send home a newsletter for each week throughout the school year **via email**. You will find the newsletter posted online on our class webpage as well. It is very important that you read these notes in order to stay on top of things. It is designed to let you know what we are studying so that you can make a home and school connection. Plus it will let you know what activities, programs, parties and field trips are scheduled.

## **Birthdays**

Whenever your child has a birthday at school you may send a treat on that day if you would like. We'll serve the treats during our recess time or at the end of the day depending on what activities we have going on that day. Please notify me in 48 hours in advance if you are interested in doing this. If you do not notify me in advance, they will not allow you to bring treats in.

## **Parties**

Throughout the school year we will have three class parties. These parties will be the Winter Holiday Party, Valentine's Day Party and the End of the Year Party

## School Supply List

24 yellow pencils  
1 box of Facial Tissues  
Wide ruled filler paper (200 count)  
White Glue (washable, 8 oz)  
6 Glue Sticks  
1 12 x 18 pkg of manilla paper  
1 12 x 18 pkg of white paper  
1 12 x 18 pkg of assorted construction paper  
2 Composition books  
3 Spiral Notebooks (100 count, wide ruled)  
2 boxes waxed Crayons (24 count)  
Colored Pencils (12 count, long)  
Hand pencil sharpener with closed collector (for sharpening colored pencils.)  
Scissors (sharp point)  
School Box (prefer plastic)  
3 Pocket Folders with brads  
Washable Markers Classic Colors  
Pink Bevel Eraser  
Wooden Ruler (cm and inches)  
Box of "Ziploc" type bags (gallon or quart)  
Baby wipes or cleaning wipes  
Anti-bacterial gel



Dear Parents,

We are delighted that your child is in our class this year! We can look forward to many exciting and rewarding experiences as the year progresses.

We believe that life-long success depends on self-discipline. We have developed a Classroom Discipline Plan that gives every student the opportunity to manage his or her own behavior. Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for academic growth. Therefore, this plan will be in effect at all times.

#### Classroom Expectations

1. Come to class prepared each day with binder, guided reading book, reading log signed daily and homework on Friday.
2. Students are expected to listen and follow directions at all times.
3. Students will show respect to their teachers, all Savannah staff and peers.
4. During teacher instruction, there should be no distractions or other problems.

If a student chooses not to follow a classroom expectation listed above, then their color will be changed for the day.

Positive behaviors will be recognized everyday through praises, privileges, and occasional treats. Negative consequences will be handled through a color change system:

1. **Purple:** Incredibly GREAT day
2. **Green:** great day
3. **Blue:** verbal warning
4. **Yellow:** miss 10 minutes of recess
5. **Orange:** no recess
6. **Red:** office referral (Automatic Office Referrals: fighting, defiant behavior, property destruction, profanity, out of control, and inappropriate items)

Each day your child will bring home in their binders a conduct communication sheet. On this sheet, it will indicate their color for that day. All students start the day on green. If they had problems that day the color will be indicated in the square. **Please be sure to initial this sheet on a daily basis.**

We have discussed this Classroom Discipline Plan with your child, but we would appreciate it if you would also review the plan with your child. Please sign the last page of the handbook and return to school. Please keep the handbook for your records. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this plan.



## Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send a note, email or leave a message.

Please keep your child's teacher informed of any family situations that could affect your child's performance at school.

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I have read and discussed the Classroom Discipline Plan and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade handbook with my child.

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Student's Name

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Parent Signature

Date

**Please return this signed note to school with your child no later  
than  
Friday, August 25, 2017**