

# Second Grade



# Syllabus

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a minute to tell you how excited I am about this school year. I feel honored to be able to review what your child already knows as well as present them with new material that we will use daily. It will be a great school year! I am committed to the importance of parent involvement in your child's education. I firmly believe that your child receives the best education possible when you and I work as a team. Enclosed in this brochure are copies of my rewards system and my homework policy. Please read all of these carefully. They explain many of my expectations for your child in this class.

### Daily Work

Please see that the homework folder is sent back daily. It will have papers in it every day. That does not mean that there will be homework every day. Most of the papers will be notes from the school and papers that are already graded. Encourage your child to take good care of his/her folder. These have to last all year long.

### Homework

Most nights of the week students will have a required reading assignment from their group reader. The student is to read the selected pages to his/her self and then to a parent or adult. I will send home a paper for you to sign or initial confirming your child has read the passage so they receive credit for their reading. If the paper is returned unsigned, I will assume that this student did not complete their homework. There will be NO reading homework on Wednesday night.

If the student does not finish seatwork at school, they will be required to finish it at home. If this happens on a Wednesday, they have the option of finishing it at home, or they may stay in at recess on Wednesday to finish.

Spelling Lists will come home once a week. The student is expected to write their words one time and turn them in the day before/of test to receive extra credit. The spelling lists from your child's book are to stay at home to be studied.

### Why I Assign Homework

I believe homework is important because it is a valuable aid in helping students make the most of their experience in school. I give homework because it reinforces at home what has been taught in class, prepares students for upcoming lessons, and helps students develop self-discipline, responsibility, and organizational skills; and on top of that, it gives the parent the ability to observe the progress that has been made.

### Student's Homework Responsibilities

- \*All assignments will be completed
- \*Students are responsible for making up homework missed due to absence
- \*Homework will be turned in on time
- \*Students will turn in work that is neatly done

### Parent's Homework Responsibilities

Try to supervise your child while they are completing their homework. Your child is to use a #2 pencil to do their homework. Please encourage neat work on all homework papers.

### Tests

As the year gets under way, we will have a Spelling, Phonics, Math and Handwriting tests. Spelling tests will be on Wednesdays and Bible verse tests will be on Fridays. That way the students' tests are spread out over the course of the week. I will hand out the Spelling list for the next week on Thursdays, the day after the test. The other subjects will be announced in the weekly note.

### Rewards System

In order to guarantee your child the excellent learning climate they deserve the following rewards system will be used. Your child will receive five stars to start the year off with. Throughout the week I will hand out more stars to children that are going above and beyond. Example- If I ask the class to work quietly and only a few are, I will walk around and hand out stars to them. Or some weeks I may hand out extra stars to the kids that did their reading assignment. There will be multiple ways the kids can receive stars. But, if a child is doing something that I have asked them not to do, or is against our class rules, they will be warned and star(s) can be taken away. I want this to be a positive reinforcement for good behavior that will motivate the kids to do well. Stars are not based off of academic performance but off of behavior in the classroom. At the end of the week, if the kids have enough stars, they may turn them in for:

6 coupons=Treasure Box

10 coupons=Set in teachers chair for 30 min. / Read book to class

12 coupons=Take your shoes off inside the room/ Set or lie anywhere in room

15 coupons= Only have to do half an assignment

20 coupons=30 min. free time on computer

25 coupons- move their desk anywhere in room

### My Class Rules

1. Respect your classmates and teacher
2. Treat everyone equally
3. Raise your hand to speak
4. Be patient and wait your turn
5. Be honest and not cheat
6. Remember to smile

### Nursing Home Project

On Monday of each month the first and second grade we will go to Grace Living Center. The students will sing songs and greet the residents. Around the holidays the students will make projects at school to give to the residents. I would appreciate help in transporting the class to the nursing. I will send out a sign-up sheet for any volunteer drivers. The first trip will be in September.

### Book-It Goals

The Book-It program will start the first of October. Each month a calendar will be sent home with the reading goal stated on it. Whenever the child has met the goal, sign and return the calendar to school. The child will receive a pizza certificate for achieving the goal. The child should be returned by the first Wednesday after the last day of the month. You may return it earlier, if it is finished. The first goal is 200 minutes a month or 15 minutes a night. The goal will increase most months. The reading homework assignment does not count for Book-It.

### Field Trips

We will go on one field trip every nine weeks for a total of four field trips. A note will go home prior to the field trip outlining where we are going, what we will be doing, the cost of the trip, and how many drivers we will need.

### Birthday Parties

Birthday parties are allowed in the classroom. If you wish to have a party for your child, please contact me to set up the date. The time for the parties will be at 2:40. That gives 20-25 minutes for the party. Children are not allowed to bring gifts for the birthday person. Also, please do not bring goody bags for each child to the birthday party. This is a school policy. Cake, cookies, or cupcakes and drinks are sufficient for the party. **Please do not send anything that may contain any form of nuts or peanut butter.**

### Holiday Parties

We will have three holiday parties during the school year. I would appreciate it if you could sign-up to help with at least one party. I will send home a sign-up sheet. Goody bags are allowed at holiday parties, but not required. Again, **please do not send anything that may contain any form of nuts or peanut butter.**

### Other Activities

Second graders will participate in the yearly Spelling Bee and Speech Meets.

I will keep you informed if any changes are made to the information contained in this syllabus. Thank you so much for your support. It is going to be a great year ☺!

If you have any questions feel free to call me at:

School Phone: 580-323-9150

Cell Phone: 405-929-0229

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Creider*

# Class List

1. Lucia Amen
2. Tyrel Cloud
3. Emma Estes
4. Rachel Gwartney
5. Phillip Javorsky
6. Zachary Lawrence
7. Harmony Miller
8. Mark Wilson