

Second Grade Handbook



My classroom hours: 8:00am-3:30pm
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Knowing Jesus, Growing in Faith, Serving God's Children

Welcome to our 2nd Grade Classroom!

My name is Mr. Dobbs and I am very excited to have your child in our classroom this year at Zion. With the Lord's blessing, we will have a great year together learning new and exciting things!

Please take some time to review this handbook with your child. You will find information about our classroom policies and expectations. It is my hope that this handbook will answer some of the questions you may have about our classroom. I believe that you, as parents, are the first and most important teachers God has given your child. I hope we can be partners this year in your child's learning.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please let me know! I can be reached during the day at school (605-342-5749) or email me at Scot.Dobbs@zionrc.org. I will do my best to get back with you as soon as possible.

God bless you and your family this year!
Teaching through Christ,
Mr. Dobbs



Behavior Expectations

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to guarantee your child, and all the students in my classroom, an excellent learning environment they deserve, I will be using the following behavior management plan.

My Philosophy:

I believe my students can behave appropriately in any environment, especially in the classroom. The interference with or prevention of any student's learning will not be tolerated. Our classroom will be a safe and secure environment, free for exploration and risk taking without fear of ridicule or judgment.

These are my expectations:

1. Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
2. Choose to learn
3. Do your personal best

It is in your child's best interest that we work together in relation to their schooling. I will be in contact with you regarding your child's progress in the classroom through trimester report cards, contact periodically through email, and in person.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you for your support.
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What do I need to know about 2nd grade?

Snacks: We will not be having snack during the school day. Our lunch is at 11:45. We will be having special treats throughout the year, such as birthdays and other special days.

Birthdays: Students are welcome to bring birthday treats to celebrate their birthdays. We have 22 students. Please let me know a day or two in advance when you are sending the treats to school so I can plan accordingly. **Per the allergy policy of Zion Lutheran, no treats with peanuts or tree nuts**, due to food allergies in either our classroom or the school. Thank you for your help in this matter. Summer Birthday? Let me know when you would like to celebrate your child's summer birthday!

Birthday Invitations: I ask that birthday invitations not be passed out during the school day, unless they are being passed out to the entire class.

Lunch Menu: Please be sure to read the allergy policy in the school handbook that you will also receive.

****To make Zion safe for everyone we will no longer serve any foods containing peanut or tree nuts, during lunch or treat times. Children may still bring nuts or peanut butter, in their own lunches but, we will make sure they are not seated by someone with nut allergies.****

The lunch menu for the month will be sent home in the Monday folder. Our lunch service requires a count early; be sure and fill it out and keep the side with the large calendar and send back the small calendar. It is recommended to pay ahead of use, buying several at a time. Please mark what it is for, as you buy milk and lunches separately. Lunches are \$3.25 each without milk. Milks are \$.35

Heat Ups: Students are expected to take their home lunch heat-ups down to the kitchen to be heated up before they go outside for lunch recess (11:20am). I will remind students to take their heat-ups down. Our lunch volunteers heat food during our recess time. If students forget to heat their food up at recess, please know that they will not have the option to have it heated up as our lunch volunteers are very busy with the students that are getting through the lunch line. Having to do forgotten heat-ups takes time away from those getting school lunch. Thank you for working with us to remind your child if they have a heat-up.

Homework: I feel homework is an important part of the learning process; with that in mind I also know that time is precious. I know that families are busy and life is crazy. Homework should take NO MORE than 45 minutes a night. This would include reading 20 minutes, completing the reading log, practicing math addition and subtraction facts, memory work and spelling words for the week. Homework will also be any unfinished classwork for the day. This work is to be finished at home and handed in the next morning completed in order to receive full credit. Signed reading logs are due back the last day of the month.

Daily Schedule:

Recess

No morning recess Monday, Thursday, and Friday due to gym.

Tuesday and Wednesday @10:00am

Lunch Recess @ 11:20am

Lunch @ 11:45am

Afternoon Recess @ 2PM

Specials:

Chapel: Wednesdays @ 8:30am (When lead by classes, 1:00pm)
you are welcome to attend anytime!

Gym: Monday, Thursday and Friday @ 9:40am

Spanish: Tuesday @ 10:40am

Music: Wednesday @ 9:30am

Library: Thursday @ 10:50am

Field Trips: We will be needing volunteer drivers for our field trips. There will be sign-up sheets posted outside the classroom door when the time comes. **If you plan on driving for field trips you will to complete a background check at the cost of \$8. See Mrs. Aker to complete this.

Class Dojo: Class Dojo is an online behavior tracking software. I use this program to track student behavior throughout the school day. As a parent you have access to this information through your computer or the Dojo mobile app, (Apple and Android). Through this software I can share pictures, videos, and can message you. Please take some time to download this great app!



Scholastic Book Orders: I will be sending book orders home each month. The date they are due back to school will be written on the front of the order form. If you choose to purchase books, please pay by check, payable to Scholastic, not the school or to me. NO CASH PLEASE! You may also purchase online using the class code on the order form. The online orders are still sent to the school and I will send them home with your child. I place my book orders when there is a sufficient amount to receive free shipping (this has never been a problem). Once ordered, it takes approximately two weeks for the order to arrive. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase quality books for your child at a very reasonable cost.

Classroom Celebrations: We celebrate a few special days in our classroom. We spend the day doing activities such as reading, making projects and learning. A few of these special days are Grandparent's Day and the 100th day of school. We also celebrate a few holidays. We hold a party during the last hour of the school day to celebrate Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Toys: If your child is bringing toys for before or after care, these items are not allowed out of backpacks during the school day (8:20-3:00). Toys tend to become a distraction and a temptation for others. If this becomes a problem the toy will be taken away and you (parent/guardian) will need to come in and get the toy. Unclaimed toys will be returned at the end of the school year. Toys need to stay in backpacks even during recesses, in hopes to keep them from getting lost, stolen, or broken. Please DO NOT send balls to school with you child. The school provides balls; balls from home can get lost and Zion is not responsible for these losses.

Bathroom Breaks: Students are allowed to use the restroom before school starts, before recess (as we go out), during recess, after recess (as we come in) as well as during work times. If bathroom breaks become a problem, (needing to use the bathroom often), I will be in contact with you so we can reach a solution to this problem as learning takes place in the classroom. My bathroom policy is one boy at a time and one girl at a time, meaning two students may be out of the room at a time, but only one boy and one girl.

Water Bottles: Students may have a small water bottle with a top that closes securely. **All bottles will be filled with water only.** Water bottles will be kept in cubbies or backpacks, NOT at desks. Water Bottles need to go home EVERY Friday to be cleaned. Should the use or presence of water bottles become a nuisance, that student will lose his/her water bottle privilege.

Book-It: The Book-It program starts in October and ends in March. Each month I require students to read or listen to a story. Children can read any books they would like for Book-It. I will send home a calendar to record the minutes each day. After the requirements have been met, please sign and return the calendar for a coupon for a FREE personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. I hope you have fun with this program and make reading a nightly event.

Memory Work: Memory Work will be listened to on Fridays. However, if your child knows it before Friday they may say it to me before then. Memory work for the week will be on the website and in the weekly classroom newsletter.

Snow Gear: Starting in October through about April we have snow and with that in mind, we do still go out for recess. We go out if the wind chill is above 0. Your child needs to be dressed appropriately meaning: hat, winter coat, gloves, snow pants and snow boots in order to play in the snow. NO SHORTS!! Without these items they may have to spend recess inside or out of the snow. Winter items also need to go home on Friday, to be washed and dried, as they really start to smell after a while.

Gym: We have gym Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Be sure that your child has a pair of clean non-marking tennis shoes for gym class. These will be kept in their cubby. Ms. Mona has them sit out if that are not wearing correct/appropriate shoes. I recommend you send a pair of socks in their backpacks, if they wear sandals during warmer months.



+List

22 Students

Brody

Riley

Iris

Olivia

Ava

Gabriel

Seamus

Malaki

Liam

Lars

Alli

Hunter

Jacob

Maraea

Curtis

Alden

Titus

Carson

Emri

Maci

Lincoln

Grace



Signature Page:

By signing this page, I am saying that I have read through this book with my child, we have talked about the items listed in this book, and we have asked my child's teacher any questions we may have about these items. I am also saying that I will use this book as a reference throughout the year if I have any questions about my child's classroom.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

After you have signed this page, please remove this page and return it to the school with your child.