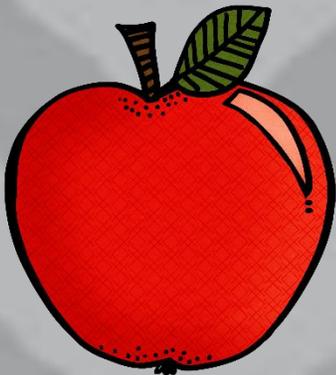


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SECOND GRADE



Rules

1. Follow directions the first time they are given.
2. Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
3. Treat others how you want to be treated.
4. Listen when someone is talking.
5. Take care of our school and our classroom.





Behavior

Fulbright will utilize the Class Dojo system as our method of communicating positive and unwanted behaviors.

If we are sticking to our rules and honoring the Fulbright Pledge we shouldn't have many issues with behavior.

We believe in the use of natural consequences. For example, if a student refuses to complete their work or participate in class activities, he or she will miss something more "fun" to complete it. If they are playing during lessons they may have to walk a lap around the turf to make up for that.

Tardies

The building opens at 7:15 (7:00 if you are in CARE) and class begins at 7:35. Students are marked tardy if they arrive to class after 7:40. If you arrive after 7:40 you must park and walk your child in for a tardy slip. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time to ensure that they are present and prepared for instruction.



Absences



Make-up work will be sent home when the student returns to school. Students have the same number of days to make-up their work as the number of days they were absent (Ex. If they were absent for 2 days they will have 2 days to make-up the work) .

*If a student is out of class to see the nurse, a therapist, principal, etc. and they miss any work, it will be due back the next day.

**Late make-up work will have a 10% reduction of their grade each day it is late.

Curriculum

This year ALL elementary LRSD students will be learning literacy using 3 NEW curriculums. The curriculums are:

Heggerty

phonemic awareness

Wilson FUNdations

phonics

Wit and Wisdom

comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and writing

Heggerty

Phonemic Awareness

Main focus is on sounds.

Deals with spoken language.

Lessons are auditory (with hand motions).

Students work with manipulating sounds and sounds in words.

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Phonics (FUNdations)

Main focus is on letters and their corresponding sounds.

Deals with written language and print.

Both visual and auditory.

Students work with reading and writing letters according to their sounds, spelling patterns, and phonological structure.

Wilson FUNdations

FUNdations provides a systematic and explicit approach to teaching reading and spelling using phonics. Research indicates that systematic and explicit phonics instruction is effective for ALL children. We will combine this phonics instruction with the reading of good literature, which is just as important for your child's development.

Research also says that when a child has a "coach" in addition to a classroom teacher, the child makes significant progress.

Let's be a "team"!

I will send home the necessary information and tools to keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom and give suggestions and guides as to what you can be doing at home.

Please read the Unit letters I send home and set aside time to do the homework **with** your child.

Wit & Wisdom

- Wit & Wisdom is our English curriculum. It builds knowledge of key topics in history, science, and literature through the study of excellent texts of various genres.
- The program also includes vocabulary instruction. Students will learn academic and content specific vocabulary.
- The Wit and Wisdom Reading program includes built in journal writing activities to increase students love of writing and expand on reading comprehension.

Centers and Cooperative Learning

Research says that we learn more through hands on activities and working with others.

Centers and cooperative learning are used frequently in my classroom. Groups or partners are selected based on observing who works effectively together, ability, what one can teach another or just the luck of the draw. Sometimes work done in these cooperative groups will be used as a grade because I believe that being able to work well with others is just as important as learned facts.

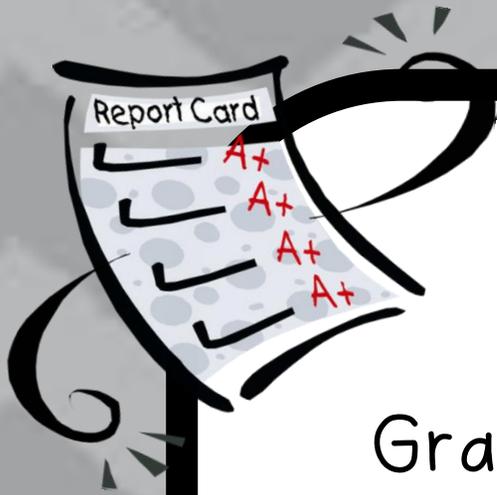
Small Group Instruction

There is also 1 other hour in our day that will be used for small group work in literacy. This time will be used specifically to address deficits in necessary foundational skills. Groups are fluid and change based on needs as they arise. I believe in the use of data, classroom instruction, and the Arkansas State Standards to identify what my students need instruction on.

Homework

Homework will go home each week with four days of work to complete. You will be able to choose which days you work on it, as I know we all have busy lives. Just be sure to return it on the due date. If something is too difficult, or not understood, please send me a note or Class Dojo message so that I can help. Homework is mandatory and may be graded.





Grades

Grades will be posted on eSchool. As discussed earlier, with our curriculum we do quite a bit of cooperative learning and oral responses and these will often be used as grades. Participation is the key to success.

If you cannot access your eSchool account, please email Melanie Tiner at melanie.tiner@lrsd.org.

Daily Folder

This folder should travel to and from school EVERY DAY and should be checked and emptied when it is at home.

-The left pocket will be for things that need to be returned to school like homework, signed forms, notes between us, money, etc. Please put any money sent to school in a labeled envelope or baggie for safe keeping.

-The right pocket will be for things to be kept at home like newsletters, returned classwork, and fliers.



Newsletter

The 2nd grade newsletter will be sent home in the communication folder. It will contain important information such as skills we are learning and upcoming events at the school. Please be sure to look for this so you can stay up to date.



Conferences

LRSD has two official conference dates on the calendar. I am available to meet with you for additional conferences or to address concerns as needed. Please let me know in advance so that I can make arrangements and gather any materials necessary.

Fall Conference Dates: October 10th and 11th

Spring Conference Dates: February 20th and 21st

I will send out a message a couple of weeks prior for you to sign up online. I use Sign Up Genius.

Lunch

19-20 Student Meal Prices	
Breakfast	\$2.25
Lunch	\$3.00
Milk/Juice	\$0.40

Lunch is at 11:15.

*Please set up a lunch account through the LRSD website.

You are welcome to eat with your child or bring them lunch. You may not give outside food to any other student. The new cafeteria rules are posted behind the parent table.

*Make sure to sign in at the office, obtain a visitors pass and report to the cafeteria, not the classroom.



Parties

We will have two parties this year.

Winter Party

Valentine's Party

*Birthdays

Due to strict regulations in schools these days, we are not allowed to have birthday parties. NO cakes, cookies, healthy snacks or treat bags.

Anything else?

I've tried to cover possible questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with anything I have missed.

I am here for you and your child. I want to work WITH you to help your child succeed.