

Dear Families,

Welcome to second grade in room 7! Our hopes are that we can work together to reach your child's potential. During the school year our class will send out a weekly newsletter to keep you informed of our activities and opportunities for families to be involved in class or at Howard. The bottom half needs to be signed and returned to school. **Homework is due on the next day unless otherwise noted. Your child should return their Green Homework Folder daily. Spelling test words will be sent out a week before the test. A full list of spelling words is attached.**

Supplies: Please send in the class requested supplies as soon as possible.

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| <i>3 Large Glue Bottles</i> | <i>10- 41 cent U.S. Postage stamps</i> |
| <i>4 Large Glue Sticks</i> | <i>2 Large Tissue Boxes</i> |
| <i>1 Clear-view White One-inch Binder</i> | <i>1 Fiskars Scissor</i> |
| <i>30 Sheets of clear protector sheets</i> | <i>1 Jump Drive to save computer work</i> |
| <i>1 large backpack</i> | <i>2 Composition Books (Black & White Cover)</i> |
| <i>2 Composition Books(or please send in \$1.00)</i> | <i>1 Hand Sanitizer bottle</i> |
| <i>1 Baby Wipes Container</i> | <i>1 Set Prang Watercolors</i> |
| <i>24 Crayola Crayons</i> | <i>1 box 10 Count Thick Markers</i> |
| <i>36 TICONDEROGA #2 Pencils(or please send in \$1.00)</i> | <i>6 Large Pink Pearl Erasers</i> |

Memory Book:

Students will be keeping a memory book throughout their second grade year. We hope to track growth and their ideas through photos and their words. **Please send in \$3 to help cover the cost of the books if you did not send in a clear-view 1-inch binder with 30 proctor sheets.**

Behavior Management:

We follow the Howard Behavior System in our classroom. Students are expected to be Safe, Kind, and Responsible throughout their school day. Each area of the school has specific rules that will be taught during the first weeks of school and reinforced throughout the school year.

Students will be expected to:

1. Safely use hands, feet, and objects
2. Be kind to everyone with their words and actions
3. Listen and follow directions
4. Be responsible by being where they are asked to be and do what is expected of them
5. Respectfully use school and personal property

Each day your child enters our class with our expectation that they will succeed in following the above rules, but if a child breaks a rule they will receive a warning to remind them of the correct behavior needed unless it is a severe action like hitting. If your child breaks another rule, your child will be re-taught the proper behavior and given an Oh-Oh Support Form that will need to be signed by an adult. Further rule breaking will be referred to the principles office and/or a behavior plan will be created for your child with your support. **Students that are caught following the rules are given Beep-Beeps. They are put into a drawing for prizes each week.**

Red Reading Folder:

Your child needs to read/be read to at least 20 minutes each night to keep up their reading skills. Listening to you read, and then reading with your support will help your child be a successful reader! Please make sure that your child understands where they can safely keep their books from school. (Reading can come from a variety of sources like books sent from school, newspapers, recipes, magazines, comic books, etc.) **The reading folder is due at the end of the week.**

Cut on the above line, and return this bottom portion on Thursday. Please keep the top as a reference.

I have read the newsletter for 9-6-07 _____ Date _____ for my child _____.

Sharing/Snacks:

Families are asked to send a healthy snack with their child daily. Snacks like fresh/dried fruit, crackers, cheese, yogurt, etc. will provide necessary “brain” food to help your child learn better.

Your child should also bring an item that is special to them on their scheduled “Share” day. They should be prepared to tell the class about what they brought to class and also be prepared to answer questions about the item.

Please look for a new “Share Calendar” at the end of each month (the first one is attached). The calendar schedule rotates alphabetically through our class list. Also, there will not be any make-up sharing days for not “remembering” their special day.

Welcome and Volunteer Forms:

We want any information that will help us best teach your child since you have been their life long teacher! We also encourage families to be involved in our classroom. Please complete the Volunteer form attached if your can help us during school or at home. Students always love to have their parent read a book or share their cultures/jobs with the class. There are volunteer forms required by the District for field trips and for frequent in-classroom volunteer work.

Letter Writing:

Students will be working on their writing skills by letter writing. **Please complete the “Mail Call” list with family and friends that your child is allowed to keep in touch with and who are willing to reply to your child’s letters. Your child will also need a book of ten 41¢ stamps with their name on it.**

Book/Computer Program Orders:

Scholastic order forms are sent home once every month. The books are offered at special prices for you and allow us to build our classroom library. The due dates are included in the weekly newsletter. Payments need to be made at the time that you place the order and books should arrive in about 2 weeks. You are also able to pay for your order using a credit or debit card by placing your order on-line: www.scholastic.com/parentordering Class User Name: mrscallihansclass Password: booksarefun

Birthdays:

Students will be sung to on their birthdays (unless a note is sent) by the class. Families can send in a treat for their child to give to all of the class. Please send a note if you plan to send in a treat so I can allow time for a longer celebration.

Laptops:

Students will be using laptops in our classroom to help support their education. They will be required to use them in safe, kind, and responsible ways or their computer privilege can be taken away.

Thank you for sharing your child with me,

Mrs. Callihan

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