

# Second Grade Class Handbook

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## Second Grade Classroom Management

### Our School Expectations and P.B.I.S.

Our school implements P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). This approach focuses on teaching the expected behaviors and positively reinforcing them. The entire school will have a lesson on an expected behavior each week which is called a *cool tool*. We will focus on one area of expectations each month and have celebrations monthly. All students will follow our school rules:

- Respect yourself.
- Respect others.
- Respect property
- Be there; be ready.

### Respect Rockets

Students may earn respect rockets from any staff member in the building. When a student earns a respect rocket, he or she can put his or name on the respect chart and add the rocket to the class bank.

### Respect Chart

If a student is showing respect, he or she will be asked to put their name on the respect chart. A square will be called every Friday afternoon. Students with their name in the square go to the office for a special treat and have their picture taken.

### Card System

- Each student begins the day with 4 cards:
  1. Green (great day)
  2. Yellow (warning)
  3. Blue (5 minutes off recess)
  4. Pink (10 minutes off recess & note home)
- If a student breaks a school or classroom rule, a card is turned.
- If behavior continues to be a problem on a pink card, then the student will be sent to the principal.
- Some behavior will result in a student being sent to the principal immediately (ex: physically hurting or threatening a classmate).
- Please note that a yellow card is just a warning and all students will eventually receive a yellow card sometime during the year.

### Office Referrals

If a student refuses to follow the school rules, he or she will be sent to the office. An office referral will be written and sent home. Any student sent to the office one time will not participate in our monthly P.B.I.S. celebration.

## **Rocket Folders**

*(Really Organized Children Keep Everything Together)*

Students will be given R.O.C.K.E.T. folders. The front pocket is for homework and notes or lunch money sent from home. The back pocket is for notes, work completed in class, and graded papers to keep at home. The center of folder will have a calendar that students fill out their card color every day. A smile face is a green card day. If a card is turned during the day, students will color in the card that they were on that day.

These folders should be sent home and brought back to school every day. They are the key to keeping communication clear and open! I will send notes home in these folders and look for notes from you. Please encourage your child to be responsible with these folders.

## **Homework**

Students will have homework Monday through Thursday. The standard is approximately 10 minutes per grade level. Therefore, if a second grade student has homework it should only take about 20 minutes. Monday's homework will usually be to read a story from our reading book. Thursday's homework will be to study for the spelling test on Friday. Most homework during the week will be extra practice on a topic we have worked on in class, including: math, grammar, phonics, science, and social studies.

Please take the time to also practice math facts and read nightly.

\*\*Note—one of our school rules is be there, be ready. Therefore students will have their card turned if homework is not turned in. \*\*

## **Milk Break**