

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Second Grade 2019-2020

INTRODUCTION TO TEACHERS



Left to Right:

Mrs. Beil - 404

Ms. Naughton - 310

Ms. Howell - 431

Mrs. Sharma - 433

FROM ADMINISTRATION

Non-Edible Rewards & Celebrations

- Student health, wellness, and safety is our top priority.
- This policy was developed in collaboration with teachers, parents, and administrators.
- During the school day, we will be using non-edible rewards for birthdays, class celebrations/parties, and school-wide celebrations.
- The school will be sending home more detailed information.

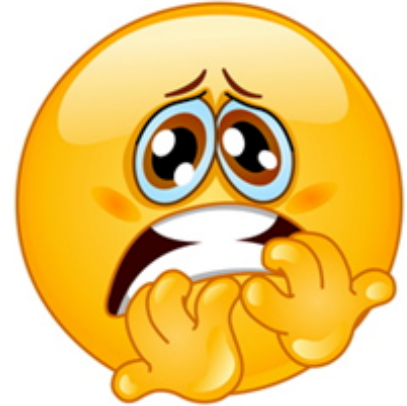


FROM ADMINISTRATION

What to do when you have a concern...

1. First, start by contacting your child's teacher via phone, note, or email.
2. If you continue to have the same concern, request a parent-teacher conference.
3. Depending on the type of concern, you may want to consult with a school counselor.
4. After communicating with the teacher and/or counselor and you still have concerns, contact an administrator.

**In case of a crisis or emergency, please contact your child's teacher and a counselor as well as any other necessary staff members (i.e. school health aide, public health nurse, etc.)*



FROM ADMINISTRATION

School Communication



- **e-Notify** messages are used to communicate directly to parents regarding emergencies or grade level/classroom specific messages.
 - This system was used to send class placement notifications.
 - This system uses the email address listed in our Student Information System. Please be sure they are updated with any changes.
- **News You Choose** bulletins are sent to anyone who signs up to receive information about Terra Centre.
 - These messages include information about upcoming events, opportunities, and other things happening at Terra Centre!
 - Weekly messages are sent out from administration as well as reminder messages when appropriate.
 - Email addresses for families are uploaded from SIS, but parents can unsubscribe from these messages.
 - Visit our school website to subscribe! <https://terracentrees.fcps.edu/>

FROM ADMINISTRATION



Social Media Guidance

- FCPS expects students to be responsible members of society and to display good citizenship at all times when using social media.
- In such activities, students are to respect the rights of others and to refrain from the use of profanity and hurtful messaging.
- Depending upon the specific circumstances, failing to adhere to these standards can lead to consequences under the SR&R.
- Adults should model for and monitor student's social media accounts and messaging.

LUNCH TIME AND SNACK

2nd Grade lunch time is from 12:10 - 12:40

Students can bring a healthy snack (pretzels, fruit, veggies, string cheese, etc.). Snack time will be finalized over the coming weeks as we finalize the class schedule.

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to keep at their desk throughout the day!

WE ARE A NUT-FREE CLASSROOM!!!!

RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM (RC)

Responsive Classroom is a research-based approach to K-8 teaching that focuses on the strong link between academic success and social-emotional learning.

This is a school-wide initiative for student behavior.

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Communication App- We will be using REMIND to send out updates and reminders.

Thursday Folders (sent weekly)

Attached to the Thursday Folder today, is a name tag, that you should complete, and your child should wear it on the first day school.

Blue Take Home Folders (sent daily)

Please send all teacher notes and money in the blue folder.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Please call the school attendance line to report a **student absence**. It is helpful with planning for teachers to be notified by email of planned student absences.

Please notify the teacher of any **changes in transportation and early dismissal** by calling the office with the information or by email if in advance.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- Progress Reports are distributed at end of each quarter.
- Student progress measured on a scale of 1-4.
- Parent conferences will be held to discuss individual student performance.

PROGRESS REPORT ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

- 4 - Consistently demonstrates concepts and skills
- 3 - Usually demonstrates concepts and skills
- 2 - Sometimes demonstrates concepts and skills
- 1 - Seldom demonstrate concepts and skills

ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS IN KID FRIENDLY LANGUAGE

4 - I'm very confident with this. I can teach someone how to do this.

3 - I can do this on my own. I can show I understand.

2 - I can do this with help or an example in front of me.

1 - I'm starting to get it, but I am still confused.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Students are expected to read daily for 30 minutes. Students may read independently, with a partner, or by accessing reading materials on myOn, PebbleGo, or Tumblebooks.

Access letter with instructions and login information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.

❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.

❖ 1,800,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests.



❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.

❖ 900 minutes per school year.

❖ 282,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.



❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day

❖ 180 minutes per school year

❖ 8,000 words per year.

❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.



If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

FIELD TRIPS

The second grade is planning to participate in two field trips this year.

As more information and dates become available, parents will be notified.

VOLUNTEERING

Room Parent- Each classroom needs one room parent to be the contact with the PTA and coordinate classroom events. Please email your child's teacher if you are interested.

WatchDOGS- Dads are welcome to participate in the WatchDOGS program. Information is on the Terra Centre website.

Discovery Garden- If you are interested in helping with the Discovery Garden, please send an email to your child's teacher.

BIRTHDAY POLICY

We encourage students to celebrate birthdays in these ways:

- Non-food treats: bubbles, pencils, erasers, etc.
- A classroom gift given in their honor to be enjoyed all year, such as: books, games, outdoor equipment for playground, etc.

Invitations should be distributed outside of the classroom.

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

This year we will be using a classroom magazines called Scholastic News and Science Spin.

Please send a check made payable to **Scholastic News** for **\$7.40** to cover the cost of your child's subscriptions.

LOOKING FORWARD...

We are looking forward to a great year in second grade!

If you have any questions, please email your child's teacher.

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