**Second Grade Parent Letter**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to Room 142! I am so excited to have your child in my class for Second Grade. I have so many exciting things planned for the 2015-2016 school year and I will DEFINITELY need your help! Please continue to read this letter to find out EVERYTHING you and your child will need to know in order to be successful in 2nd grade. When you are done with this letter, I would suggest putting it in a safe place until you and your child have established a good 2nd grade routine at home and in school.

**Why is it important to send your child to school every day?**

* Second grade is a crucial year in your child’s education. During 2nd grade your child will build his/her reading skills, become a more fluent reader, write, add, subtract, tell time, and work with money, along with many other important concepts.
* We work on these skills daily in leveled groups. When your child misses school he or she may fall behind and it becomes very difficult to catch up.
* We understand that children get sick and family emergencies happen. If your child misses one or more days of school, **it is district policy that you either call or send in a note with your child letting us know the reason they were absent.**

**Will my child have homework?**

* ABSOLUTELY! Your child must practice in order to succeed. Our job at school is to introduce these lifelong lessons in reading, writing, and math to your child. ***Your job is to reinforce these skills at home.***
* All homework assignments are expected to be returned the following school day unless we tell you otherwise.
* The more effort YOUR FAMILY puts in to your child’s education the more **SUCCESSFUL** your child will be.
* Please be sure to CHECK AND EMPTY your child’s take-home folder every night. Second Grade students do not typically hand their folders over to you. It is important that you ask for it in order to set a good routine.
* Please make sure to have paper, crayons and sharpened pencils at home in order to complete homework assignments.

**What is a 2nd grade student expected to do at school?**

* Your child is expected to follow classroom and school rules. Classroom rules are posted and reviewed on a daily basis.
* Your child is expected to come to school to learn and to try his/her best in all that he/she does.
* Students are expected to be prepared for P.E. (Physical Education). **Students are to wear their gym clothes under their regular clothes as there is not time to use the bathroom to change for gym.** Physical Education is on A and C Days.

**Breakfast/Lunch/Specials/Snack**

* Breakfast is currently in the cafeteria. However, this may change in the future. Students should go right to the cafeteria after arriving at school unless told otherwise.
* Lunch is at 11:30.
* Our specials (P.E., Music, Art, and Library) are at 1:30 every afternoon.

**Supply List**

* A sturdy book bag
* Glue Sticks (at least 2)
* 1 pack of #2 pencils
* 1 box of Kleenex
* Hand sanitizer
* Pencils and crayons for home.

I will let you know if any other supplies are needed as the school year goes on.

Your child received an agenda on the first day of school. I use them for communication and to document student behavior. Each day your child will have two colors – one for the morning, one for the afternoon. The color signifies the type of behavior your child had on that day. Green – no problems; Yellow – had to be spoken to more than once; and Red – problem behavior continued. Please sign your child’s agenda daily. The agenda and take home folder must be sent back to school daily.

I look forward to working with both you and your child this year. Please feel free to call me at 254-2080 ext. 142 or email at **Patricia.Keene@rcsdk12.org****. I** will always do my best to get back to you within 24 hours. As always, thank you so much for your support and dedication to your child’s education.

 Mrs. Keene

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