Dear Parents,

                   Welcome to one of the most incredible years your child will have in his/her education!  Second Grade is an exciting time as children prepare for new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions. Second graders develop fundamental work habits, appropriate social behavior, problem solving and decision making skills and of course academic skills.  If you are interested in specific academic standards for Second Grade, you are invited to visit the Richmond County School District website at [www.rcboe.org](http://www.rcboe.org).  We hope to make your child's year in Second Grade a fun and exciting one, and to instill a love of learning that will last throughout your child's years of schooling.

\***Read** to and with your child every day.  The more your child is exposed to language, the easier it will be for him/her to incorporate new skills in reading and writing in the classroom.  Plan to spend 10 to 20 minutes each day – the rewards are priceless.

**Absences/Tardies**

Attendance is important in Second Grade.  What we do in class involves active participation and it is very important that your child attends each day.  However, we do realize that sickness, family emergencies, and doctor’s appointments do occur.  Your child’s schoolwork will be saved for him/her to complete upon their return to school**.  A note is required upon returning to school**. Please make sure your child is on time in the mornings as instruction begins promptly at 8:20 am. If you pick your child up early, it is also counted as a tardy. Ten tardies equals 1 absence.

**Dismissal Changes**

If you know in advance, please send in a note with your child.  For any last minute dismissal changes, please call the school office, as we **cannot** retrieve messages during instructional time.  Thank you.

**Homework**

Homework will require some parental involvement at this level.  Your cooperation is essential in developing a positive homework habit.  Each day of the week from Monday to Thursday, your child will have some type of homework. **Please check your child's homework folder daily.**

**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for academic growth.  In order to develop this environment in the classroom, we use an assertive discipline program with students emphasizing personal responsibility.  We are always on the lookout to “catch students being good” and reinforce that behavior. Our P.B.I.S behavior plan has a reward system designed to motivate students to keep doing their best. When negative behavior does occur, the consequences are immediate and stress self-reflection.  To keep it simple for students, we have six classroom rules:

1. Raise your hand when you want to talk
2. Walk, never run until instructed to do so.
3. Listen carefully
4. Help keep the classroom clean.
5. Respect other students’ property.
6. Keep hands and feet to yourself

In other words, if what you are doing interferes with learning, hurts someone’s heart, or prevent you from being your best self…. You should not be doing it!

There are many positive rewards for students who consistently follow the rules including praise, notes home, phone calls home, special privileges, prizes and invitations to P.B. I. S. parties.   We appreciate your follow-up at home with discipline as it is crucial to maintaining standards for positive behaviors in school.

**Communication**

We use Class Dojo for a big part of communication. This allows us to share behavior, share things going on in the classroom, and send reminders. A paper with the link to sign up will be sent home with your child.

**SUPPLIES**

**“See supply list”**

**Parent Volunteers**

Parent volunteers, we need you and are excited to work with you!  We will need volunteers in our class to help with reading rotations, clerical work, as well as for occasional special events.
You may call the school at 706-592-4090 or Class Dojo if you need to contact your child’s teacher.

 For general questions about our classroom, curriculum, announcements, and helpful links, please visit our school’s website at: http://blythe.rcboe.org. Here you will find a place where you can review our curriculum, find out what is happening in our classroom for the week, follow links to school calendars and the PTO website, find helpful links where both you and your child can gain support for what is being learned in class, and see our latest classroom announcements.  We hope you will find this to be a helpful resource throughout the year. We are looking forward to a fabulous learning journey in second grade with each of you, and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

**Second Grade Teachers: *Ms. J. Godbee, Mrs. A. Rhea, and Ms. L. Smith
2024-25 School Year***