

# Welcome To SECOND GRADE

## MEET YOUR TEACHER

*Mrs. Adams*

HI THERE! I AM SO EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR! THIS YEAR WILL BE FULL OF FUN AND SO MUCH LEARNING AND GROWTH WILL HAPPEN. I CAN'T WAIT TO LEARN ALL ABOUT YOU! HERE ARE A FEW THINGS ABOUT ME:

- THIS IS MY 8<sup>TH</sup> YEAR TEACHING
- I'VE TAUGHT K, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADES
- I GREW UP IN MANTECA
- I EARNED A B.S. IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM CAL POLY-SAN LUIS OBISPO AND A MASTERS IN EDUCATION & TEACHING CREDENTIAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
- I'M MARRIED TO MR. ADAMS AND WE HAVE ONE SON, GRANT, WHO WILL BE IN KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR.
- I ALSO HAVE A 12 YEAR OLD STEPSON, PAYTON

## EXPECTATIONS

- OUR CLASSROOM RULES ARE:
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS QUICKLY
  - RAISE YOUR HAND FOR PERMISSION TO SPEAK
  - RAISE YOUR HAND FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE YOUR SEAT
  - MAKE SMART CHOICES
  - KEEP OUR DEAR LEARNING COMMUNITY HAPPY!
- STUDENTS WILL APPLY FOR AND HOLD MONTHLY JOBS TO EARN MONEY AS PART OF OUR CLASSROOM ECONOMY. THEY CAN PURCHASE REWARD COUPONS WITH THE MONEY THEY EARN.

## CURRICULUM

### Reading

- INCREASE FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION SKILLS
- READ AND RESPOND TO LITERATURE AND INFORMATIONAL TEXTS
- INCREASE DECODING SKILLS
- RECOGNIZE 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE SIGHT WORDS

### Writing

- WRITE, REVISE, EDIT AND PUBLISH NARRATIVE, INFORMATIVE, AND OPINION PIECES
- GATHER INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH TO CREATE A REPORT

### Religion

- FOCUS ON SACRAMENTS AND COMMANDMENTS
- PREPARE FOR AND RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION

### Math

- ADD & SUBTRACT WITHIN 1,000
- REGROUPING

### Language

- USE PROPER CAPITALIZATION, PRONOUNS, ADJECTIVES, AND VERBS IN WRITING
- USE GLOSSARIES AND DICTIONARIES
- DETERMINE MEANING OF PREFIXES AND COMPOUND WORDS

- WORK WITH EQUAL GROUPS

- TIME & MONEY
- MEASUREMENT
- GEOMETRIC SHAPES
- GRAPHS & DATA

### Social Studies

- MAP SKILLS
- DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN LONG AGO AND YESTERDAY
- GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS
- BASIC ECONOMIC CONCEPTS
- HEROES FROM LONG AGO AND THE RECENT PAST

### Science

- CLASSIFY OBJECTS
- MATTER AND THE EFFECTS OF HEATING AND COOLING
- ANIMAL AND PLANT HABITATS
- QUICK AND SLOW CHANGES TO THE EARTH
- EARTH'S SYSTEMS
- BODIES OF WATER

# HOMWORK

HOMEWORK WILL BE SENT HOME ON MONDAYS AND RETURNED ON FRIDAYS. MATH AND LANGUAGE ARTS HOMEWORK WILL BE IN THE FORM OF "SPIRAL HOMEWORK". THIS STYLE OF HOMEWORK FOCUSES ON REVIEWING PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT CONCEPTS EACH NIGHT.

WHILE A MAJORITY OF EACH NIGHT'S HOMEWORK IS REVIEW, NEW SKILLS ARE ALSO PRACTICED. THE BOTTOM ROW OF EACH WEEK'S HOMEWORK IS THE SKILL WE HAVE MOST RECENTLY LEARNED IN CLASS, WHILE ALL OF THE ABOVE ROWS ARE REVIEW OF OLDER SKILLS. HOMEWORK WILL BE SENT HOME ON MONDAYS AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL EACH DAY TO CORRECT IN CLASS.

IN ADDITION TO MATH AND LANGUAGE ARTS SPIRAL REVIEW, STUDENTS WILL HAVE A COMPREHENSION READING LOG TO COMPLETE EACH NIGHT AFTER 20 MINUTES OF READING. READING LOGS ARE DUE ON FRIDAYS.

## ASSESSMENTS

LANGUAGE ARTS LESSON ASSESSMENTS WILL BE ON FRIDAYS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE UNIT AND THREE BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS TO ASSESS PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT MATERIAL.

MATH ASSESSMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE END OF EACH LESSON, THE DAY OF THE WEEK WILL VARY. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS, WHICH WILL ASSESS CURRENT AND PREVIOUSLY TAUGHT TOPICS.

I WILL COMMUNICATE TEST DATES VIA FACTS PARENT ONLINE PORTAL TEXT MESSAGING. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CONTACT NUMBERS ARE UP TO DATE AND THAT YOU DO NOT OPT OUT OF TEXT MESSAGES TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE THESE IMPORTANT REMINDERS.

STAR TESTING WEEKS ARE NOTED ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

## SNACKS AND WATER BOTTLES

STUDENTS WILL EAT SNACK BEFORE THE FIRST RECESS AT 9:30AM PLEASE SEND A HEALTHY SNACK SUCH AS FRUIT, VEGGIES, CHEESE, CRACKERS, YOGURT, RAISINS, POPCORN, ETC.

STUDENTS MAY BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO KEEP AT THEIR DESK. I RECOMMEND A STAINLESS STEEL WATER BOTTLE TO KEEP WATER COLD ALL DAY.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S WATER BOTTLE WITH THEIR NAME.

## BIRTHDAYS

IF YOUR CHILD WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAY WITH THE CLASS PLEASE KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND:

TREATS MUST BE NUT FREE

PLEASE SEND ONE TREAT PER CHILD (20)

PLEASE KEEP THE TREAT SMALL, FOR EXAMPLE A CUPCAKE, A COOKIE, OR A DONUT. NO PARTY BAGS PLEASE.

PLEASE ARRANGE THE CELEBRATION DAY WITH ME AHEAD OF TIME. I WILL DISTRIBUTE THE TREATS BEFORE DISMISSAL ON THE DAY WE ARRANGE.

PLEASE SEND IN THE TREATS IN THE MORNING WITH YOUR CHILD.

## PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

PLEASE CHECK THE 2019-2020 PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

GRADING  
UNIFORM POLICY  
ATTENDANCE  
COMMUNICATION  
VOLUNTEERING

## CLASSROOM WISH LIST

WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

FINE TIP BLACK EXPO MARKERS  
HAND SANITIZER  
BAND AIDS  
BABY WIPES  
PAPER TOWELS

## COMMUNICATION

FAMILY-TEACHER COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS. I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME TO SET UP A PHONE OR IN PERSON CONFERENCE. I AM ALSO AVAILABLE VIA EMAIL TO ANSWER ANY QUICK QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE. I WILL COMMUNICATE THROUGH THE FACTS PARENT ONLINE PORTAL TO SEND IMPORTANT REMINDERS SUCH AS TEST DATES, PROJECT DUE DATES, SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, ETC. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UPDATED ON YOUR PARENT ONLINE PORTAL TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE THESE MESSAGES.

I AM HONORED TO BE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO HELP THEM GROW AND ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

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