

# KEYS TO SUCCESS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE

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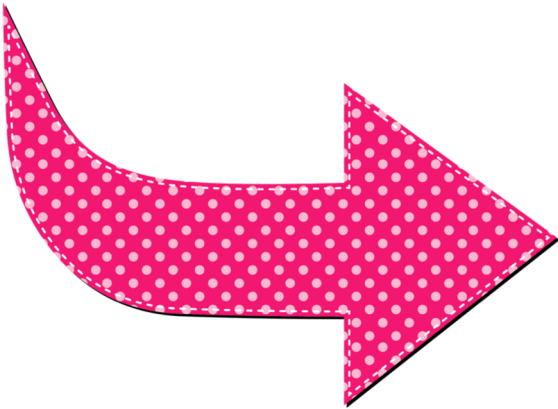
# SCHEDULE

- 7:45-8:00 Morning Work/Morning Meeting
- 8:00-9:10 ELAR/SS/Guided Reading
- 9:10-9:30 Word Study
- 9:30-10:30 Writer's Workshop
- 10:30-11:00 RECESS
- 11:00-11:30 LUNCH
- 11:30-1:00 Math
- 1:00-1:50 SPECIALS
- 1:50-2:00 Fitness Break
- 2:00-2:50 Science
- 2:50-3:00 Pack up/Dismissal



# MCA SECOND GRADE NEWS

- We will send out our Weekly News via Email each week, as well as post on our websites.
- You will also receive through the Seesaw App.
- Please let your teacher know if you request a paper copy.



**MUSEUM** *McAuliffe Elementary*  
**SECOND GRADE NEWS**  
WEEK OF: AUGUST 13-16

**Important dates**

- 8/15 New Family Orientation @6:30
- 8/19 Room Parent RoundUp @ 9am

**Helpful Links**

**Coming Soon!**  
Be sure to sign up for your teacher's SeeSaw Class!

**Reminders**

Save the Date for our upcoming Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 22nd at 6pm! We will meet in the cafeteria first and then break out into our individual rooms. Parents/Guardians only please!

**Ask your Child**

- What are some ways you can be respectful at school?
- Tell me about your morning routine in your classroom.
- What has been your favorite part of the day so far?

**Learning Focus**

**Reading:**  
We will be learning our routines for launching Readers' Workshop.

**Writing:**  
The students will write about how they are feeling about 2nd grade. We will set a goal for the year.

**Word Study:**  
Coming soon! We will start Word Study (spelling) in a couple of weeks!

**Math:**  
We will create and interpret a class graph, set up our math journal and dig into Intentional Problem Solving.

**Science:**  
We will set up our Science Notebooks this week and learn "What is a Scientist?"

**Social Studies:**  
We will create our class rules and a Treatment Agreement.



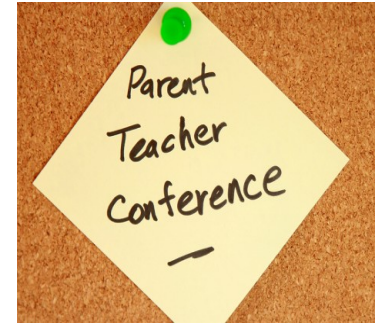
- This year, your child will have their own online portfolio in Seesaw that will document their 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year and show their progress in different subject areas.
- It will be a place for teachers to document and save student work that will show their understanding of a particular topic and our 21st Century Skills.
- It will also include videos of presentations and guided reading throughout the year.
- The portfolio will be shared with parents at our Technology Night in May.
- This is also one of our parent communication tools!

# FASTT MATH

- Fastt Math enables students to develop math fact fluency in a 10 minute online lesson.
- We will be completing Fastt Math in class but we encourage your child to complete lessons at home too!
- Fastt Math can be accessed from McAuliffe's home page under Academics.

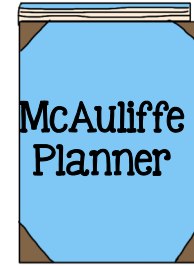


# PARENT CONFERENCES



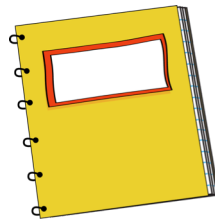
- We will hold Parent Conferences shortly after the Beginning of the Year Assessments are completed, over the next few weeks.
- At our conference, we will share assessment results and, together, set some goals for your child.
- If you feel the need for a conference at any point throughout the year, please don't hesitate to ask!

# STUDENT PLANNER



- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is a great time to begin encouraging responsibility!
- Each day, your child will write down homework information and any other important things to remember in his/her planner.
- Please check their planner every day and be sure to initial each night.

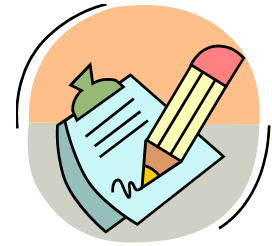
# HOMEWORK



- We will have a Homework Folder that will go home on Mondays and be due on Fridays.
- The Homework Folder will include a math sheet, monthly reading log, and your child's spelling list with spelling practice ideas.
- It is important that your 2<sup>nd</sup> grader reads at least 20 minutes every night!



# LATE WORK NOTIFICATIONS



- If your child does not return their homework on the day it is due, he/she will receive a late work notification form. This sheet will indicate the late work and will require a parent signature. It will need to be returned the next school day, along with the completed work or the child will stay after school that day to complete the work until 3:45.
- If your child receives 6 late work notices in a 9 weeks, he/she will be assigned Responsibility Academy.

# RESPONSIBILITY ACADEMY

- \*In the event that your child receives 6 late work notices in a 9 weeks, he/she will be assigned Responsibility Academy (RA).
- RA will also be assigned for students who struggle to complete graded class work in a timely manner.
- Responsibility Academy is held on Thursdays after school until 5pm.
- Your teacher will contact you directly if your child is assigned RA.

# RESPONSIBILITY SHEETS



- \*Your child's Responsibility Sheet, located in their McAuliffe folder, indicates their daily & weekly behavior and represents expectations for every student.
- If your child struggles with an expectation during the day, the Responsibility Sheet is marked by the teacher and sent home for parents to sign.
- Please sign your child's sheet every Friday.
- When a child receives a mark in Specials, please contact the specials teacher if you have any questions.

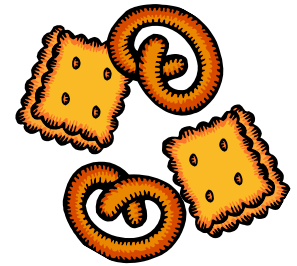
# RESPONSIBILITY SHEET CELEBRATION

- At the end of each 9 weeks, we will have a Responsibility Sheet Celebration to reward good behavior.
- If your child receives 6 marks or less in a nine week period, they will be invited to the celebration.
- The Responsibility Sheet Celebration may be different each nine weeks and is a lot of fun!!



# CLASSROOM SNACKS

- Please only send snacks that do not need utensils. This makes it hard for your student to eat while working.
- No messy or sticky snacks
- Cut fresh fruit so that it will be easy to eat
- **HEALTHY** snacks are best...  
crackers, dry cereal, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc.
- Please only send 1 snack per day.
- ALSO, please send a water bottle with a sports top to prevent spills in the classroom.



Per District Policy, and for the safety of our students,  
there is absolutely NO sharing of food or snacks!

# STUDENT BIRTHDAYS



- All birthday treats will be given to the class at the end of the school day. Please either send in the treats with your child or leave in office for your teacher to pick up and bring to the classroom.
- The treats **MUST** be STORE BOUGHT.
- Make sure that you have the class count to ensure everyone gets a treat. Also, it would be great if you could send in napkins too!
- **Due to the mess, we strongly suggest no cupcakes with icing. Thanks for your understanding!**
- If your child has allergies, please send in appropriate treats for your child to hand out during the year when class is having birthday treats.

Cookies, brownies, doughnuts and muffins are super!

# FIELD TRIPS



- Students will attend 1-2 field trips this year.
- Field Trips will be determined throughout the school year and will correspond with our curriculum. We will need volunteers to accompany us, so watch for information on our websites and in your child's McAuliffe Folder as these draw near.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> grade favorite is our trip to the ZOO at the end of the year!

# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE SWIM & SAFETY PROGRAM

- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in LISD are included in the district's Swim & Safety Program!
- We will swim for about 1 ½ hours in the morning.
- Three of our classes will swim 12/9-12/12 and two of our classes will swim 12/16-12/19.
- More information will be sent home closer to time.







**IT IS GOING TO BE A SUPER  
2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE YEAR!**