





Welcome to the SMES 2nd Grade Open House!

Superintendent's Message

• Here is a welcome <u>message</u> from our Superintendent Mr. Browning.

Digital Citizenship

- Since this is the first year students will receive laptops, we will be spending a lot of time in class ensuring each child understands expectations of how to be responsible with their device.

School Time

- 8:30am Doors Open and Students enter the classroom
- Staff members are positioned around the campus to ensure students are safe before entering their classroom.
- 8:40am-Instructional Time starts (Students should be in the classroom before 8:40am)
- 8:20-8:40am-Breakfast Times
- Parents may drop students off by the flagpole gate, car rider loop, or bus gate (if they are walking up from parkers)
- School ends at 2:45pm
- Car Riders, Parkers, Bus riders, Walkers/ bikers will be dismissed between 2:45pm- 2:55pm.

Specials and Dismissal

- 2nd grade specials this year are at the end of the day.
- Students will be in their special class from 1:55-2:40 PM. They only have Art and Music one day a week.
- Since students are not released from specials until 2:40 and will still need to return to class and retrieve their belongings we will be delayed in arriving at our dismissal locations.
- Consider this when planning your arrival for car line and parker pick-up.

Tardies

- With so much to learn this year, we are extremely budgeted for time. It is imperative that your child arrives to school on time. Instruction will begin promptly, therefore, students are expected to be in class by 8:40 AM.
- Any student arriving after the bell, their parent will need to park and escort them to the front office for their tardy pass.
- The student will receive a tardy pass and be escorted to class.

Specials and Lunch

- Second grade has specials from 1:55 PM until 2:40 PM. Every other week the students have their special time on Thursdays from 8:50 until 9:35 AM.
- Our team begins lunches at 11:41. Here is the schedule by teacher:
- Savastano 11:41-12:11
- Tedeschi 11:44-12:14
- Harvey 11:47-12:17
- Arguelles 11:50-12:20
- Laffler 11:53-12:23
- Miles 11:56-12:26
- Marzullo 11:59-12:29



Early Release

This year we will have Early Release Days. Early Release Days Release time 12:50pm if parents want to have their kids stay at place there is a 190.00 (\$160.00/8 days and a \$30.00 Registration fee) fee for those 8 days. They must be registered by September 6th with PLACE.

Communication

 School Website: The website provides the most updated information. This is where you can find information about upcoming events, special flyers, school policies, grade level specific information, Twitter, and school Facebook link. It is updated every Friday.

Communication

- Weekly newsletter
- School Communication Day: Every Thursday
- Class Dojo
- Teacher email
- Facebook = Sanders Memorial Elementary School 2nd Grade

Security

Mr. Steven LaVare is our school security guard.

All school security guards will be armed while on campus.

Visiting on Campus

• Special Events- All parents must be placed through the Raptor system before they can attend any special events at school or come on campus for any reason. You can avoid the lines on the day of the event by having your license scanned in the Raptor system well before the event takes place and RSVP that you will be attending the event.

Lunch

- Please feel free to come and have lunch with your child or children.
- Lunch time with your child or children will only be with them and not their friends.
- Please remember that going to lunch with your child too much can inhibit their social growth with their peers.

Volunteers

- Volunteer Coordinator: Andrea Grace, School Secretary
- Please apply today if you have not already.
- Must register every year
- Volunteers cannot go into the classroom or on field trips without being an approved volunteer through district

PTA and SAC

We have an active PTA and School Advisory Committee at Sanders.

Custody Issue

- If there is a custody issue, please bring the original paperwork and we would be happy to make a copy for your child's record.

Birthdays

- Birthdays are special days for all students. All birthdays will be recognized with a birthday crown, cafeteria treat coupon and special prize.
- Parents may <u>not</u> send a treat, cupcakes, balloons, or party favors as this impedes on instructional time for all students.
- If you intend to pass out birthday invitations at school, you <u>must</u> include the entire class. If you don't want to invite the whole class, you must pass out invitations on your own, outside of school.

Class Dojo

- Designed to help build student's learning habits and boost classroom engagement
- ClassDojo allows both teachers and parents to track student behavior learning skills and progress at school throughout the day!

Communication

- We will be able to communicate about behaviors via ClassDojo.
- Please refrain from ClassDojo messaging during the school day or at night.
- After 4:00 PM during the week and any time during the weekend the best way to contact a teacher is through their email.
- Please do not message each time corrective feedback is given.
- We will contact you via Class Dojo or a note in the planner if your child
 is consistently not following the school rules or if their behavior is severe.

Class Dojo

· Points

- Students will get points for following the school rules.
- Students will lose points for not following the school rules.
- Students will receive incentives for the more points they receive.
- Corrective Feedback
- Students receive a warning to correct the behavior
- Students receive a corrective feedback Dojo if behavior continues.
- Corrective feedback does not result in a point deduction.

Design on Display

- This year the students will be working through the design process to create a design on display project.
- These projects will be presented during our Design on Display Night in the Spring.

STEAM in Second Grade

- Our students work through the design process to solve real world problems. They formulate, explore, ideate, sift, simulate and advocate as they come up with their solutions.
- We use the Learner Active Technology Infused Classroom structures of tasks, rubrics, activity lists, expert board, help board, quality work evidence and transfer tasks.

Homework

- Read for at least 30 minutes each night
- Homework will start coming home on August 23rd. There will be a book log and math pages to complete each week. The homework will come home on Friday and is due the next Friday.

Homework

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME? Student A Reads Student B Reads Student C Reads

:	Student A Reads		Student B Reads		Student C Reads
	20 minutes per day.	0	5 minutes per day.		1 minute per day
	3,600 minutes per school year.	4	900 minutes per school year.		180 minutes per school year.
	1,800,000 words per year.	2	282,000 words per year.		8,000 words per year.
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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

Reading is Important

- Students need to be reading and thinking about what they are reading on a daily basis.
- As your child reads at home ask them questions about what they are reading.
- Tell them to explain the picture they are getting in their head as they read.
- Remind them that everything they read should make sense.

SMES Five Tips for Parents

- If you feel that there is a problem with the teacher or the style of teaching, do not call The Administration. Call the teacher first and give him/her a chance to discuss the concerns with you.
- If you need to talk to your teacher, send a note/email/Class Dojo message. The teacher will write you back to discuss or answer any question you may have within 24 hours. Do not show up at the classroom door unannounced for a conference.
- Do not allow your child to be late or miss school for anything other than sickness or a death in the family. Allowing your child to miss school because he/she needs a haircut or go clothes shopping with you is sending the wrong message to children.
- Please realize that your child is one of many that our teachers teach in a day, and that it is not always possible to address each and every need he or she may have. The sole responsibility of educating children is not the Teacher's alone; it is the parents/care givers as well.
- Trust our staff and teachers as they know what they are doing.

We are looking forward to an exciting Year in Second Grade!



Final Thoughts



