

Parent Information
Mrs. Cobb's Class
July 2018

Welcome to second grade! The following information will help your child get off to a great start.

Class Rules

One of my goals is to help foster responsible, caring children who are independent thinkers. I believe that children will live up to my expectations of them if they understand the effects of their behavior on themselves and others. When problems occur, I will handle them by looking together at the reason for the problem and its consequence. Should we have a reoccurring problem, I will contact you for support.

My classroom behavior system is tied to a money system, which gives the children the opportunity to earn "Cruising Cars Cash" in order to participate in a quarterly celebrations (auctions, game day, movie day, etc.) Students will earn classroom money each week for completion of classroom jobs as well as individual and group excellence. If a student exhibits inappropriate behavior or work habits, money will be taken away.

Communication

Each day, your child will bring home a "Daily Folder" containing his/her Daily Behavior Report. On this form, your child will be responsible for indicating his/her behavior grade earned for the day. Please sign the Daily Behavior Report every night and return it in your child's folder the next day. Please check your child's folder EACH DAY for important information. Any other notes about transportation or absences should be placed in this folder for me to see. On the occasions that you are sending a note or any other important correspondence (lunch money, field trip information, etc.) to school in your child's folder, please inform your child so that they are aware that they need to remove the note when unpacking their folder.

Each Friday, your child will bring home a "Weekly Folder" containing his/her work from the week as well any important school correspondence that is not sent home in your child's daily folder. Please remove all paperwork and return the folder on Monday to let us know that you have seen it. A newsletter will also be emailed to let you know more about what we've been doing, any upcoming events, information, etc.

Please feel free to contact me by phone (school: 562-6181), by sending a note to school, or email (hcobb@wcpss.net) at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Homework

Please help us instill this lifelong responsibility in your child by giving them the tools they need to complete the assignments and ensuring they return their work in their daily folder on time.

Your child will be given time to record the homework assignments in their agenda. Being responsible for his/her agenda and writing down assignments will be his/her responsibility. Leaving the agenda at school or home, or having not recorded the homework in the agenda is not an acceptable excuse for not completing homework. Not completing homework (including completing Book Log and having Daily Behavior Report signed) will result in loss of Cruising Cars Cash. The homework is to be completed on the night listed next to the assignment and returned the following day.

Your child will have homework on Monday thru Thursday nights. I appreciate and value family time and make every effort to not assign homework during the weekend. However, work that was not completed during the week it was assigned, will be sent home to be completed over the weekend in order to receive full credit. Occasionally, the need will arise for a project to continue over the weekend, but, generally, simply having your child read for 20 minutes each day will be the only weekend homework. Your child will have a homework composition book. All assignments that do not have an activity sheet, including spelling homework, should be completed in this composition book. The homework notebook will need to be returned each day with the previous night's homework completed inside. Most weeks, homework will follow a similar pattern:

- ✓ Monday: Spelling – 2x's each and Patterns
- ✓ Tuesday: Math – worksheet
- ✓ Wednesday: Math – worksheet
- ✓ Thursday: Spelling – Parent Test

Lunch

Our class will eat lunch in the cafeteria each day between 12:35–1:05. On Early Release days we will eat lunch at school, but the time may be different. Each student will use their student number as their lunch number that denotes his/her account. This will be the same number that was used in previous years. You may add money to your child's account by sending in money (cash or check) or doing so on the school system's website (www.wcpss.net). When your child arrives at the cashier, he/she will enter his/her number and a lunch will be deducted from the account.

Birthdays

Birthdays are very special. To celebrate, you may bring/send in treats to be enjoyed between lunch at recess (1:05–1:15)

Snack

Your child may bring an appropriate snack to eat each day during D.E.A.R. time.

Visiting School

We would love to have you visit our class! We have many opportunities for volunteering in our room. These opportunities range from reading and interacting with the children, to filing or other clerical duties. If you would like to join us, please be sure you ALWAYS stop by the office, show your identification, and sign in and receive a visitor's pass.

*Wake County Schools policy states that all parents who volunteer in the school or chaperone on field trips must have a background check. Unless your background check has been processed, you will not be permitted to volunteer in the classroom or accompany us on field trips. Additionally, parent volunteers are not permitted to bring other children as this creates liability issues. As it takes a couple of weeks to process these background checks, I strongly recommend that you stop by the Media Center ASAP and complete the online forms – Thanks!

Absences

If your child is absent from school, please call the office and let us know. A student who has been absent for any reason must bring a signed note from the parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence.

The student must bring the note within three school days of the absence or it is coded unexcused. Excused absence reasons are:

- ✓ Illness or injury makes school attendance impossible
- ✓ The local health dept. orders isolation of the student
- ✓ The student is absent due to death in the immediate family
- ✓ The student has a medical or dental appointment
- ✓ The student is absent due to a religious observance that the student/parents adhere to
- ✓ The student has PRIOR approval from the principal to be absent for an educational trip

Late Arrival/Early Check Out

If your child will arrive IN THE CLASSROOM after the 9:15 bell, you must stop by the office to check him/her in and receive a tardy slip. Your child will not be admitted to class without a tardy slip. Should you need to check your child out early (but prior to 3:15 p.m.), go to the office to check him/her out and the secretary will call our room and request that your child come to the office to be checked out. We cannot release students to you from the classroom.

Change in Dismissal

If your child will not be going home in his/her usual manner, you must send a written note. It is school policy that this note be sent to the office and signed off on by administration. For last minute changes when a note is not possible, please call the front office. Without a note, he/she will be sent home the usual way.