

Mr. Warner's 2nd Grade
Treehouse Manual
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Growing in 2nd grade

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WELCOME

Welcome to 2nd grade! This year you are going to learn new things, work on organization, make new friends, and work together as a community. In order to have a successful school year, there are a few things you need to know to make our classroom run smoothly. Please take a few minutes to read this "Manual" and refer to it as the year progresses.

A Attendance

Your child's regular and prompt attendance at school is **CRUCIAL** to a successful school year. The doors to the building open at 8:45. Prior to that time there is no staff supervision. From 8:45-9:00 students are expected to complete the "Start of the Day" routine; thus, at **9:00** the school day begins with the pledge and announcements. Since many of the activities in our classroom are difficult to replicate at home, attendance is of the utmost importance. If your child is absent, please call 765-464-3212 and inform the office or e-mail me at warnerj@wl.k12.in.us.

B Birthdays

If your student has a birthday, we simply just sing happy birthday to them as a class. Our school does not do birthday celebrations anymore so please do not send in anything.

Box Tops

These are submitted through the box tops app now.

Be a Bucket Filler

We strive to be bucket fillers **EVERY** day!

A bucket filler is someone who fills another's bucket by saying or doing something kind, giving someone a smile, making someone feel special, doing nice things for someone, or going out of your way to help someone. We recognize students who fill buckets. Make sure to ask your child if he/she has filled anyone's bucket.

C Communication

I believe you are your child's primary teacher. You know your child in ways I do not; therefore I will strive for open communication. You will receive a weekly newsletter in three ways, hard copy, email, and it will be posted on my website. **EMAIL** is the best way to get in touch with me.

Class Management

In previous years, I have used ClassDojo and Bloomz. The past couple of years, our class proved that they did not need this intensive monitoring! It was an amazing couple of years. I will start the school year off without using one of those systems and see how things go. If we are doing well, then there will be no classroom management system like Dojo or Bloomz used. Classroom management will still take place, just not with a digital tool.

Conferences

Keep posted for information. Most likely these will be virtual again. This was actually a real benefit last year as I host conferences on the weekend when they are virtual. This gives both of us better opportunities to meet.

Celebrations

At the end of each 9 week marking period we will have a classroom celebration to recognize all our accomplishments - big and small.

Community

Community is something I take great pride in. It is our job as a community to educate the children of our community. There are so many different individuals and parties that are tied to the community. Teachers, Administrators, Parents, family, community workers and business folks. It is our job to work together to best educate our children and make our community great. We also strive for community in the classroom and share lots of school supplies. We all have one common goal to grow as people and community helps us grow.

D Drinks/Bathroom

Students are strongly encouraged to bring in water bottles that may stay at school (especially at the beginning of the school year when it is hot) to fill up for the day. Students are free to utilize the restroom throughout the day as long as direct instruction is NOT occurring. Students must take the restroom pass as they go.

Diversity

A few years ago, I received a Donors Choose grant for diverse books with BIOPC authors and illustrators. We will be reading these throughout the year. I am really excited about these books and being able to share them with our students as they have great lessons. If you have something to share that you think would benefit our students in what we are discussing, then please contact me and we could schedule a talk virtually with the class. (perfect example: I've had parents come in and do Christmas in Puerto Rico, I have also had a parent come in and teach us about Ramamdan and Ead.)

Dismissal

All students will be dismissed from the classroom. **It is very important that your child knows what he/she is to do after school EACH day.** If there is a change in the regular routine, please send a note or email to me on that day that clearly outlines the change. (This includes activities that take place at WLES such as Scouts or basketball). If a change occurs during the school day, please call the office. There is information on drop-off and pick-up procedures on the school website and in your registration packet.

E Emergencies

Please make sure we have the correct and current emergency numbers and information on file. If there are any changes throughout the school year, please send in the new information.

F Folders

Students will be given a folder. Students need to be responsible for this folder by unpacking it at home and school, by filling it with important papers and notices, and by placing it in his/her backpack.

G "Good Fit" books

Students will be expected to choose reading material that is a "good fit" for them. This means your child is able to read the book independently, is interested in the book, and is able to comprehend the book. Please assist your child in finding "good fit" books.

Green

As you can see, there are a lot of nature themed items in this classroom. We will be doing things that focus on nature from time to time. Especially when we can get outside!

Google Classroom

We will be utilizing Google Classroom this year. I have been using Google Classroom since it first started to come around the educational world. It is a great way to easily share things with our students.

H Homework

My homework is not much because I expect students to be reading. I will be discussing this with our students during their individual conference time. Usually, homework is just a weekly packet of review items. I do not grade homework, it is merely practice and routine.

I Independence

Second grade is a time to foster independence. As the year progresses the expectation will be for your child to become more independent. Let them do it!!! We will also be working on this skill in the classroom.

L Learning Community

We are part of a very diverse community. If you have something special about you or your family, please contact me about sharing. The door is open for all

types of learning. And it is more fun to have guest speakers. Especially when it's a student's parent!

Lunch

Lunch/Recess is everyday from 12:15 to 1:10 pm. Students will be assigned a seat at lunch so that all are spaced out.

Label

Label as much as possible and be as detailed as possible. Anything sent in needs to be specifically labeled.

M Money

Money needs to be sent to school in the take-home folder. Please send in money in an envelope or plastic Ziploc bag with your child's name, room # and the purpose of money.

N Newsletter

A weekly newsletter will be sent by e-mail, hard copy, and posted on my website. The newsletter may contain directions, announcements, academic information, and a calendar.

R Recess

The students will go out to recess during the lunch/recess time and occasionally at times throughout the day. We go out in all temperatures (hot and cold) so please send in the appropriate outdoor attire. Yes, in winter, send in snow boots, snow pants, gloves, hats and scarves.

Reading

Students are expected to read EVERY night for at least 20 minutes per night at their independent reading level. If you need help finding reading material that is a "GOOD FIT," please let me know.

S Snack

We do allow snack in the classroom so please be sure to send your student in with a healthy snack. Please try to keep this as a small and not messy snack. Snacks can get very distracting and messy for students and I would hate to take this away. Also, make sure your student has a good breakfast in the morning. It is more important than snacks!

Spelling

We will still have a weekly spelling test but the activities we will use to help us practice in the classroom will be different. You can find all our lists on the

classroom website. Students will receive a copy to keep in the classroom and at home each week. I always have plenty of extras if needed.

Specials Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Music/PE	Art	Music	Library, PE

***Please make sure to wear appropriate shoes on PE days, which are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

School Work

Please make yourself and your student familiar with the [student handbook](#) which can be found on the school webpage. There have been some recent changes, especially regarding personal electronics and smartwatches (I did have a few issues with this last year).

Science and technology

I am fortunate enough to have a set of chromebooks in the classroom. I use Google and all of their products with our students. Students will become better typers and understand how to take handwritten data and then put that in a spreadsheet. Students will also be learning some about coding. I have also discovered a fun and addicting math game that is very rewarding to the students. Any logins created for the classroom will all be sent home so students could access these if so desired. With that said, nothing beats a good hard copy of a book or toys!

T Tardies

If your child is tardy (after 9:00) he/she will need to go to the office to receive a tardy slip before coming to the classroom.

Team

Your child's education is a team effort. I believe in creating that team with you, the parent, the student, and our community. I dedicate myself everyday to this life and try to build as much of a team atmosphere as possible. We can all learn so much from each other.

V Volunteers

We love volunteers! Moms, dads, grandparents...be on the lookout for information in the future on how you can help our classroom.

We will have a Purdue Block Student this fall and I am scheduled for a student teacher in the spring semester (I am really excited about Mr. Collins as he was my block student and we really hit it off well!)

W Walking

I plan on using our community to its full advantage. We do a good amount of walking field trips so please keep this in mind. You will be welcome to join us on our journey. These dates will be in my weekly newsletter....Hopefully

My goal as a teacher is to assist students in becoming lifelong independent learners. My job is to prepare our classroom, create lessons, and activities so that they will have many opportunities to learn to their full potential. I promise to try my best and I expect the same from ALL 2nd graders in our room.

I can't wait to start our 2nd grade adventure

AND

I know we can all "Grow in 2nd Grade".