

Ms. Silver's Second Grade Class

Welcome to a wonderful year! This year we will continue working with the Louisiana Standards. These standards were developed to prepare our students for the future. Future jobs will require a more rigorous set of skills and knowledge that will ensure success with employment and higher education. The standards will also ensure that students will graduate from high school with the core academic skills and knowledge necessary for success in college, employment, and life.

Homework Policy – Your child will have written homework every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Every Monday, your child will receive a homework assignment sheet that includes Monday's homework and important reminders for the entire week. The students will write their own homework Tuesday-Thursday. Please sign the homework tablet nightly.

If your child does not complete his/her homework, this will be reflected in his/her work habits grade, and he/she will need to complete the assignment during recess time. We are trying to encourage your child to be responsible and promote growth toward becoming independent.

On most Mondays, your child will get new vocabulary words, spelling words and mad minute math facts. He/she will need to study/review this material nightly in preparation for a test that will be given later in the week (see test schedule). Additionally, he/she is expected to read for at least twenty minutes daily. Reading consistently will help with word recognition, fluency, and comprehension. This will also help him/her reach the required accelerated reader goal. **The students are required to take at least two Accelerated Reader tests by the end of each week. (This number will increase later in the year.)**

Daily Work – Please review and keep the papers that come home with your child on a daily basis. These will be in a green "Take-home" folder.

Graded Papers & Conduct folders – Graded papers will come home every Wednesday, except for holidays, in a **big brown envelope (BBE)** with a score (grade) on the top of each page. **Please sign the outside of the envelope and send the papers back to school each Thursday.**

Grading – East Baton Rouge Parish grading scale is as follows:

93 – 100	A
85 – 92	B
75 – 84	C
67 – 74	D
66% & below	F

Your child's grades may be comprised of any of the following: tests, quizzes, projects, writing assignments, homework, classwork, class participation, etc. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S GRADES ON JCAMPUS REGULARLY.**

EADMS Testing- The students will take EADMS tests (mandated by school system) at different intervals during the year. These assessments are used for instructional purposes, and will **not** be used as part of your child's grade in any subject area. Additionally, these assessments cannot be sent home.

Discipline Policy – Your child will receive a weekly conduct grade, as well as a weekly work habits grade. The conduct grade reflects your child's effort adhering to the school and class rules. Work habits grades are based on your child's classroom habits during independent/partner/group work, as well as **completion** of class and homework assignments. (This is not an average of your child's weekly papers.) Your child's weekly conduct grade and work habits grade will be sent home every Wednesday. These grades can be found in a yellow folder which will be inside the BBE.

Classroom Rules: (These rules apply to all teachers, not just your child's teacher.)

1. Follow all directions the first time.
2. Stay in your seat unless otherwise directed.
3. Raise your hand to speak.
4. Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself.
5. Use appropriate language (words).

Out of Class Rules:

1. Walk quietly in the halls on the right side. No running is allowed.
2. Remember to remain quiet in the halls, bathroom, and the cafeteria.
3. Walk to your correct line up area at the end of recess.
4. There is to be no playing in the halls, bathroom, and cafeteria.

Negative Consequences (Daily Basis):

1. First Offense-Student will receive a warning and a mark on the conduct chart.
2. Second Offense- Student will receive a second mark on the conduct chart and receive a second warning.
3. Third Offense- Student will receive a third mark on the conduct chart and will lose one recess (wall slip).
4. Fourth Offense- Student will receive a fourth mark on the conduct chart and will lose two recesses (second wall slip).
5. Fifth Offense: Parents will receive a phone call.
6. Sixth Offense: Student will be sent to "Time Out Room".
7. Seventh Offense: Student will be sent to the principal's office.

A severe offense may result in an automatic visit to the principal or Time Out Room.

Positive Reinforcements/Rewards for Good Behavior.

PBIS rewards

Treats

Stickers

A special class treat-marble jar (when the entire class exhibits appropriate behavior)

Chance tickets

"Super Bee"

Tickets

Tentative Test Days

Monday Daily Oral Language

Thursday Grammar/Phonics

Spelling Test

Reading Vocabulary (Thursday or Friday)

Friday Reading Comprehension/Reading Vocabulary

Mad Minute Math Test

Science, Social Studies, and Math tests will be given upon completion of a unit/chapter.

<p><u>Second Grade Special Activities</u> Career/Job Day Program Luau</p>	<p><u>Field Trips (tentative)</u> LSU Science Museum Play or The Nutcracker Bocage Racquet Club Various other trips</p>
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Birthday Parties and Invitations: On the last Friday of each month, we celebrate birthdays for all students with a birthday during that month. At this time, we pass out cupcakes or a treat and a drink only. This will be at the very end of the day before dismissal (3:00) as to not lose teaching time. Please feel free to drop off any items first thing in the morning. The items must be store bought. We cannot have individual birthday celebrations. We do not want students to feel left out if they do not have a big birthday celebration and it really takes away from instructional time.

If you send invitations inviting students to your child's birthday celebration, please send an invitation for **every child in the class or every child of the same gender**. Your child will not be allowed to pass out invitations unless these guidelines are followed. I do not want anyone to get their feelings hurt or feel left out. This also applies to children from other classrooms invited to your child's party. Please help me avoid hurting the feelings of any child.

Contact Information: 225-926-5421/asilver@ebersschools.org

*I prefer written notes over emails because our email is frequently delayed and sometimes not checked until late in the evening.

Important Things to Remember:

- ❖ **MANDATORY** Students must take at least two "Accelerated Reader Tests" by Friday of each week. **(This will increase to three or more later in the year.)**
- ❖ Return all homework (this includes Mad Minute practice).
- ❖ You may check your child's grades at any time on the computer (JCampus).
- ❖ Please sign and return brown work packet every Thursday.
- ❖ Check "Green Take Home Folder" for daily work completed that we have usually checked together in class, but do not return work.
- ❖ Please put all monies/payments in an envelope. **This envelope should be labeled with the following: your child's name, amount included, purpose of the money (ex: Sally Smith, \$15, Bocage Field Trip)** This includes snack money or money for lunch treats.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND SHARING YOUR CHILDREN WITH US!