

**WELCOME TO
PARENT NIGHT**

About Me:

This will be my 6th school year teaching for LCCS.

In 2015, I have moved to the area from Watson town, PA due to my husband's employment change, after serving as both as a K4 Teacher and Grade 2 Teacher (Head Teacher) for the preceding 26 years at Meadowbrook Christian School in Milton, PA.

I am married to Bruce (1978), am the mother of three adult daughters (Jessica, Bethany, and Brittany) who are all married, and I am "*Gammie*" to six granddaughters, two grandsons.

I love the beach, shopping, mission trips, and moderate outdoor activities such as hiking and cycling. We attend Life Center Ministries International located in Harrisburg



COVID Prevention

Here are a few ways in which I will help prevent the spread of COVID in our 2nd grade classroom:

- Desks will be distanced from one another
- Students will still be able to work in small groups with peers at circle tables.
- I will have hooks on the sides of each student's desk to hang their mask if you decide to send them with a mask.
- If you would like your child to wear a mask when working in a small group with other students, please let me know.
- Students will wash hands when leaving and re-entering the classroom.
- I will wear a mask or face shield when working side-by-side with a student along with the aides.
- You may have your child's mask attached to a lanyard to prevent from losing it.

Please review the Health and Safety Plan from the school.

What Will Be Graded?

Bible Scripture memorization · Understanding & application of concepts · Unit tests

Language Arts Understanding of language concepts · Ability to express ideas orally · Ability to express Ideas

Spelling Phonetic spelling · Spelling accuracy in written work · Mastery of core spelling words · In-class work

Handwriting Correct letter formation · Application of concepts in written work. · Manuscript and cursive

Reading Oral reading fluency · Decoding · Comprehension · Listening (oral comprehension) · Independent reading · Vocabulary comprehension and application

Science Understanding of concepts

Social Studies · Understanding of concepts & unit tests.

Behavior & Discipline

I am planning a “token” economy in my classroom. The students can earn tickets by obeying the 5 rules (listed below)

The 5 rules they need to follow are simple:

- 1. Follow directions quickly.**
- 2. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.**
- 3. Raise your hand for permission to speak.**
- 4. Keep your hands and feet and other objects to yourself. (Make Smart Choices)**
- 5. No teasing or name-calling.**

Children will receive tickets each day for good behavior and can earn additional tickets by doing any of the following deeds.

• participating in class • helping a classmate • doing a good deed • listening the first time to directions • keeping their desk clean • doing their homework • turning homework in when required

Homework

A homework assignment for the week will be stapled in their homework pads on Friday's for the next week. Homework should not take any longer than 20-25 minutes a day. Please initial the homework pad daily and return every day. Your child will then receive a ticket or two the next morning.

Spelling Homework (5 minutes)

I will require spelling and reading every night for homework. Student are to write out their words for me one time each night Monday-Thursday.

If your child brings in the spelling homework each day and they will receive tickets for homework. Spelling tests will be on Fridays however there are a few times in this quarter that the day is changed because of schedule changes.

On Thursday please give your child a written pretest as their spelling homework at home, and check to see if there are any words they need to work on.

Reading Homework (10 minutes)

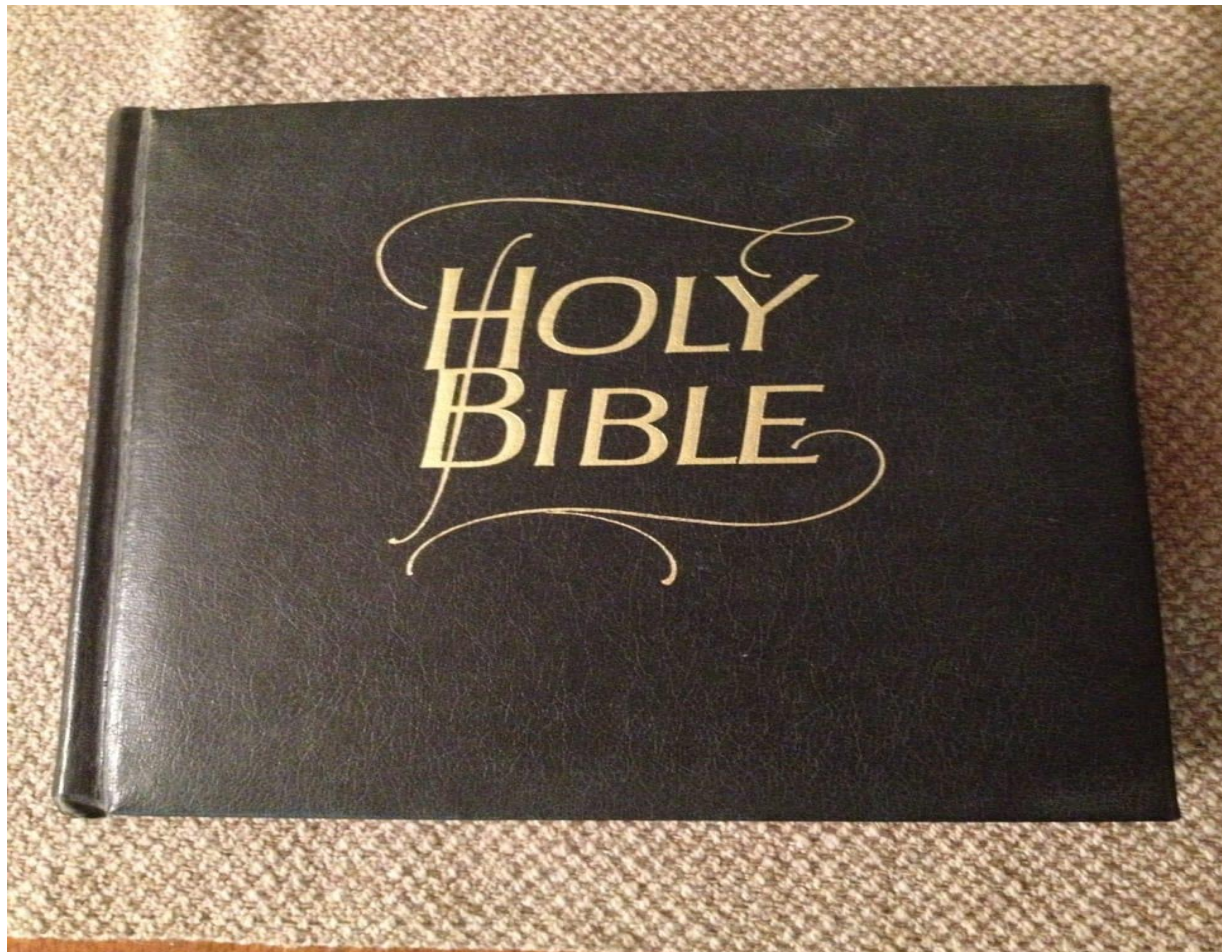
Students should read 10 minutes each evening and record the books they read in their reading log. It would be helpful to ask a question about what he or she read since comprehension is so important.

Math Facts (10 minutes)

Math facts are always good to review too. There is a website www.IXL.com that helps review facts in a fun way. I will be keeping track of who is reviewing their math facts on the IXL website, they should practice 5-10 min each night. This will help with math fact mastery. They need to reach 80 facts in addition and subtraction in 5 minutes by the end of the year. I will be periodically testing their facts in school.

Bible Memory Verse

The students will receive a Bible verse at the beginning of each month. We will be discussing the verse throughout the month and it will be helpful if you talk about the meaning of the verse with your child and they work on memorization at home. They will be tested by saying the verse or a fill in the blank for the Bible verse at the end of each month. There will be some Bible tests that are at the end of each unit.



Writing

Students will be learning about different types of writing. They will be practicing what they are learning that week and doing final draft on Friday for a grade.

There will be times that they will need to bring the writing home, and have you look over and help edit the piece with them. I will also be sending home rubrics, so you and your child know what is expected.

Parent Responsibility

- *Send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We go outside unless it is raining or below 20 degrees.
- *Send a snack with your child. Keep in mind that we might be working through snack at times, so snack should not be messy.
- *We are a peanut -free classroom due to a severe allergy.
- *Send in a water bottle for your child each day.
- *Provide a structured homework routine for your child at home. Second graders still need close monitoring. When your child reads, have them read to you and ask them questions about what they read.

*If it takes your child longer than the designated time for homework please stop and go on to the next subject. If they are struggling please let me know.

*Please jot me a note in the assignment pad if your child could not do the homework for some reason.

*Respond to emails or notes home.

*Understand that teachers make mistakes too. If you see a wrong page number or a mistake on a lesson plan, please send me an email so I can let the rest of the parents know.

*Help create a positive parent environment/ community.

Specials

Monday – Art

Tuesday – Music, Chapel

Wednesday – PE

Thursday – PE, Computer

Friday – Library, Music

Friday Folders

Each Friday (or the last day of the week) I will send home a folder with tests taken that week.

Please ask to see the folder every Friday and return it to school on Monday.

Snack Breaks

Students are permitted to **bring water bottles** with lids to keep in the classroom. Students will take them home each evening. Please fill with water only – no juice, soda, etc. We will have a snack break each morning around 9:30. Please send a healthy snack to keep your child's brain awake and at its best! Snacks can include fruit, cheese, pretzels, granola bars, etc. Please, no messy or sugary snacks.

Birthdays

- Students may bring in a birthday treats on or near their birthday to share with the class.
 - No nuts PLEASE.
- Each product must be store-bought and wrapped individually.
- Please contact me a week ahead of time if you are planning to bring a treat.
- Parents may not bring snacks to the lunchroom or classroom.

Google Classroom Code

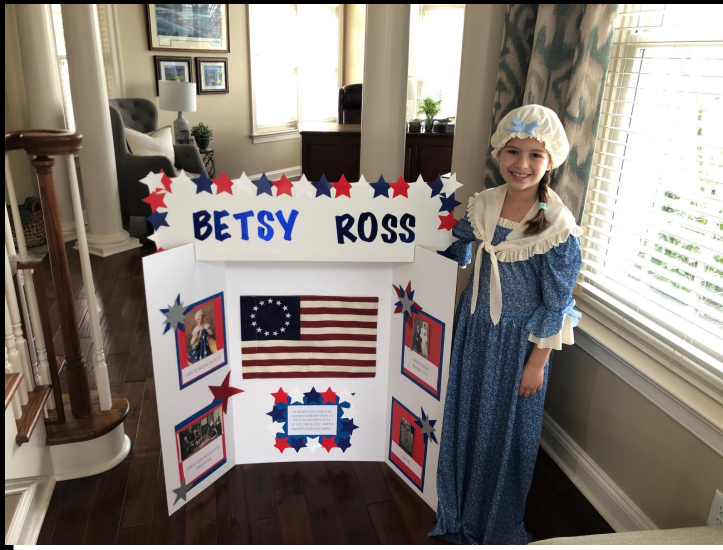
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Second Grade

Class code

ogma4de

Please sign into my google classroom by using the class code. I will be posting homework, and some monthly class information.



Projects

Landform: October 23

Living Museum: March 27

Dismissal:

Bus riders - Early childhood & lower school students who ride the bus will report to the back lobby to wait for their bus. They will remain socially distanced while in line.

Parent pick up - Early childhood & lower school students and their middle/upper school siblings whose parents pick them up will report to the main lobby. They will be assigned a socially distant spot (4.5 feet apart) to sit and wait to be picked up.

Parent Teacher Conference coming up:

11/12-11/13

Save the date.

Email, Text or Call

I know there will be times I might need to call or text you and you also might need to get ahold of me. Please feel free to email, text, or call me. You can text me after 6 am if something comes up. If is not an emergency, please wait till after school and not after 9 PM.

I am looking forward to a great year!

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