The ABC's of 2nd Grade

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| A | Absences - You must provide a written excuse or doctor's note for all absences. Absences without an excuse note will be counted as unexcused.  Allergies - Please notify me of any allergies your child might have. If medication is required, contact the nurse.  Arrival - School begins promptly at 8:15 AM. Students may enter the building beginning at 7:45 AM. Please respect this time and allow teachers and students to get prepared and ready for the day. This is not a time to meet with me. 2nd Graders are also old enough to walk themselves into school in the morning, which also makes their day run smoothly.  Attendance - Perfect attendance will be recognized at the end of each quarter. If a student checks out before 11:45, they will be counted absent for the day. |
| B | Behavior Log - In order for our classroom to run smoothly, certain behaviors are expected. There is a Behavior Log in your child's COLLEGE notebook that they will complete each day. Please check this daily and sign.  Birthdays - Birthdays will be recognized in class once each month. More information regarding birthdays is included in this information packet. |
| C | Communication - It is very important for us to communicate with each other about your child. Emailing me is great because I am able to check it multiple times throughout the day and at night, allowing me to give you a quick response. All emails will be answered within 24 hours.  Conferences - If you would like to schedule a conference with me, please email me what you would like to have a conference about and some dates/times that you are available. If I need to schedule a conference with you, I will do likewise.  COLLEGE - Your child will receive a COLLEGE Organization Notebook to take to and from school. This must be brought to school each day - this is a NO EXCUSE activity! |
| D | Discipline - The rules and discipline policies for our school are located in the EWA Handbook. Our classroom rules and policies are outlined in a separate document in the Welcome Packet as well as posted in our classroom. Please check your child's Behavior Log daily for updates on your child's behavior. Hopefully you will never have to see Yellow, Orange, or Red on your child's behavior log.  Donations - For any classroom donations, make sure to fill out a volunteer form ONLINE! EWA expects all families to volunteer four hours or donate the equivalent of four hours wages. Thanks in advance for all your donations this year! |
| E | Email - I check my email regularly throughout the day. My email is jedwards@eastwakeacademy.org.  Emergencies - The school may need to contact you in case of an emergency. If your phone number or address changes, please notify the school as soon as possible. This is very important. |
| F | Facts (Math Facts) - Math Facts (addition and subtraction) are very important this year!! Your child should be able to fluently answer basic addition and subtraction problems at the end of the year. We will use Minute Math Fact Quizzes to help your child practice this skill.  Field Trips - As field trips are planned an information letter and permission slip will be sent home in your child's COLLEGE Notebook. Please return these as soon as possible. Children may not attend field trips without guardian permission. |
| G | Gum & Candy - Gum and candy are not permitted at school. Please have your child enjoy this at home. There are times these are used as a reward in the classroom, but I will supply it on those occasions. Candy for snack is NOT acceptable. |
| H | Homework - Homework should be completed each night. Homework will consist of reading, math, and spelling. More information will be coming home about homework expectations.  Hot Lunch - Hot lunch will be offered once a month on Fridays. We use Chick-Fil-A and various other vendors. Order forms will be sent home the week of hot lunch. |
| I | Important Papers - From time to time, important papers will be sent home in your child's COLLEGE notebook. Please check your child's COLLEGE notebook daily for any important papers and take the appropriate action needed. |
| J | Jackets - Please remember that jackets must also follow dress code - they must be solid Navy Blue. If your child wears a jacket that does not follow dress code, they will be asked to put it in the book bag while in the classroom. They can wear these outside, but not in the classroom. |
| K | Kindness - Students at EWA are expected to treat all members of our school with kindness and respect. Bullying (hitting, fighting, name calling, and making fun of others) will NOT be tolerated. |
| L | Lunch - Our lunch time is 11:45-12:30. Heat up times are limited to 2 MINUTES. This means NO Easy Mac or Ramen Noodles. We have a limited time for lunch and everyone needs time to eat rather than waiting to heat up. |
| M | Medicines - If your child needs to have medications administered during the school day, a signed permission form must be signed by a doctor and the medicine will be administered by the school nurse. A family member or guardian may also come to school, bringing the medication with them, to administer to the child themselves.  Money - ALL monies that come into the classroom need to be labeled with your child's name, amount of money enclosed, and the purpose of the money. I have provided labels that you can paperclip to the money that will help with ensuring that all the information is included. These labels can also be found on the classroom website. If not using a label, please enclose money in an envelope and write the information on the front. |
| N | Newsletter - A weekly newsletter will be sent home via email. As a school, we are trying to Go Green, and sending this information home electronically saves a lot of paper each week. You can also find the newsletters on the classroom website.  Notes - While email is the best way to communicate with me, I understand that handwritten notes will also be sent from home to school. Please make sure that your child turns it into the Notes tray or gives it to me if it is urgent. |
| O | Organization - Good organization habits begin to form in second grade. To help keep your child organized through the year, check your child's COLLEGE Notebook daily and help them keep it tidy and organized! |
| P | PAL - Join EWA PAL Organization in order to stay in the loop on all of the EWA Happenings! As an added incentive, if we have 100% of our families join PAL, our classroom will earn $100 in our classroom account. You only need to join once per family and it will count towards each of your children's homeroom!  PE - For your child's safety, please make sure he/she wears gym shoes on our PE days. If they are not wearing appropriate footwear, they will not be allowed to participate. |
| Q | Questions - Please feel free to ask! If I don't know the answer, I will find out for you as soon as I can. |
| R | Reading Log - Reading homework will be done differently in 2nd Grade. Students will be practicing their reading fluency and written comprehension. More information will be coming home about reading homework. |
| S | Scholastic Book Orders - Scholastic Book orders will be sent home on a monthly basis. You may order online and help us earn free books for the classroom. All orders will be delivered to the classroom and sent home with your children.  Snack - We will have Snack daily. Please send in healthy snacks with your child - no candy! |
| T | Talking - Talking to friends about feelings and ideas is an important part of learning. There are however, appropriate and inappropriate times to talk. I understand that breaking rules about talking may seem less important than others, but I encourage you to support me in the enforcement of this rule, because it does affect your child's learning as well as others.  Transportation - Please notify me in writing if your child is not going home the way he/she normally does.  Toys - Students are not allowed to bring toys to school. Students will be asked to keep them in their bookbag and if they continue to get out their toy, it will be taken away from the student until the end of the day. |
| U | Uniforms - Please make sure that your child follows our school's dress code policy. Beginning in 2nd Grade, if your child is wearing uniform bottoms that have belt loops (shorts, pants), they MUST wear a leather belt in Black or Brown. Students who are violating the dress code will bring home a note regarding the violation and outlining what they need to do to comply with dress code. This must be signed and returned to school the next day. |
| V | Volunteer Hours - Please remember that EWA is a School of Choice. Part of your agreement in attending EWA is that you will volunteer in the classroom or school for a minimum of 4 hours, or send in the equivalent in monetary donations or supplies. Make sure to fill out your monthly time card to send in and have signed and put on file. |
| W | Webpage - Be sure to visit our classroom webpage for information, newsletters, homework, spelling words, educational games, and more! The classroom webpage address is: http://edwards2ndgrade.weebly.com/  Wishlist - an updated classroom wish list will be included on the weekly newsletter as well as included on the class webpage. |
| X | I am e**X**cited to work with  You and **Y**our child this year.  Make sure he/she gets plenty of **Z**zzzz's each night as we have exciting days planned for this year! |
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