



Miss Stewart's Second Grade Stars



How You Can Help At Home:

- Read for 15 minutes with your child each night.
- Help your child practice addition and subtraction facts daily. FAST fact fluency.
- Check your child's take home folder each evening.
- Remember to bring library books to school on day 3.
- Remember sneakers for P.E. on Days 3, 5, & 6.
- We write about our weekend each Monday. Please discuss possible writing topics with your child.

Snack:

Please remind your child to pack a snack. Students often forget to pack a snack when buying lunch. Your child may also bring a water bottle to keep at their desk.

WELCOME TO SECOND GRADE

Great Start to Second Grade!

We will spend the first week of school building our classroom community and getting to know each other. We will be setting up our Daily 5 reading centers and picking out books at our "just right" level. I will be reading with each student over the month of September to complete second grade reading benchmark assessments. We will also be starting our first math unit, which focuses on addition strategies.

Frequently, you will receive a class newsletter. This letter will keep you updated on what we are learning in school. I will let you know about upcoming events occurring in our classroom and in the school. I also have a webpage set up for you to view. Go to the Park Road School homepage. Click on the "Teacher Pages" link. Click on "Stewart, Angela."

Throughout this newsletter, I have included many important topics with information for the year. Most of this information can also be found on my website. Please continue reading to find out about my classroom procedures and expectations. Please don't hesitate to send a note, email, or call me. I look forward to a wonderful year with your child!

School-Wide Expectations:

<p>"I Message"</p> <p>I feel _____ <small>(Tell the other person how you feel.)</small></p> <p>When _____ <small>(Describe the event that caused your feelings. Be specific!)</small></p> <p>Please _____ <small>(Tell what you would like to happen in the future.)</small></p>
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This week, our new principal, Ms. Ali, and Mrs. Paino, counselor, will visit our classroom to facilitate a discussion around what it means to be our best self and do our best work in school.

We will also be writing our class compact (class rules). Students will also learn about "I Messages." An "I" Message is a style of communication that focuses on the feelings of the speaker. "I Messages" allow students to express their needs, expectations, and feelings in a respectful way that does not attack or shame the listener. We will practice using "I Messages" frequently this year.

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(*please call our room during specials (10:15-10:55), or before/after school)

Homework Policy: To Begin the week of 9/18-9/22:

1. Students are expected to read every night (Monday-Thursday) for **15 minutes** either independently or with an adult. **I will send home weekly reading logs on Monday (these are due Friday morning).** Please make reading a priority.
2. Practice math facts! Students should spend at least **5 minutes** practicing addition and subtraction math facts daily. Focus on fast/automatic fact fluency!

Late Policy:

Your child is responsible for handing in a completed homework log each Friday. If your child forgets to complete an assignment, an "oops notice" will be sent home that evening for you to sign and return to school along with the completed late homework on Monday.

Please remind your child that it is their responsibility to make sure that homework logs are completed and brought to school each Friday.

Thank you for your support!



Take-Home Folders:

Each night your child will bring home worksheets, notes, or assignments in a purple take-home folder. This folder must be brought back to school each day. Please remind your child to look through the folder on a nightly basis. Students are also responsible for handing in notes to me each morning. 2nd grade teachers **do not** check each child's take-home folder.



Student Birthdays:

You are invited to read a book to the class on your child's birthday. You may choose the book and please email me your book choice prior to coming in. You may bring in small items (pencils, erasers, party favors). Due to our building policy, **food items are not allowed to be distributed to the class for birthdays.**



Morning Snack:

We will be having snack at 10:00AM. Please send a healthy snack into school for your child every day. Due to district policy, I am not able to provide a snack for your child. We have a late lunch everyday at 1:05-1:30pm. If you would like to add restrictions to your child's lunch account (such as "no snacks/desserts") please contact our cafeteria manager: (585)267-1575 or send in a note to school.



Star Student of the Week:



Each week, a student will be selected as our Star Student of the week. I have a special Star Student bulletin board in the classroom for the Star Student to decorate with pictures of their family.

The Star Student will be allowed to bring in special items to share with the class each day during their special week. In the past, students have chosen to bring in a toy, sports trophy, souvenirs from vacations, photographs, stuffed animals, etc.

Keep in mind that our Star Students only have about fifteen minutes to share their special items. **Please do not allow your child to bring any toys or video games with violence or weapons to school.** Every student will have the opportunity to be a Star Student.

Scholastic Book Club:

Please SIGN UP at www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, click the "Don't have a User Name and Password?" link, then register for your own username and password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code. This code ensures that your order is sent to me. Our class activation code is **K93NC**. Send your order to me online by the due date. **Please do not send a check to school. We only use the online portion of the Scholastic Book program.** Books will be delivered directly to our classroom and sent home in your child's backpack.



Upcoming Events/Announcements:

September:

9/6- Student Visitation 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

9/7- First Day of School

9/25- School is Closed

9/28- Back to School Picnic/Book Fair: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Park Road

October:

10/6- School is Closed

10/9- School is Closed

10/11- School Picture Day

10/19- Family Fun Night/Book Fair 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

10/21- PTSA Event: Light the Loop 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

10/31- Halloween Parade

