



Meet the Teacher

Ms. Sullivan - 2nd Grade

September 19, 2019

Welcome to our 2nd Grade Safari!

In Second Grade, your child will be encouraged to be more responsible, organized and independent. Hence, the **B.E.E Book/Folder**...

Your child's "**Bring Everything Everyday**" binder/folder will assist us in our home/school connection by keeping all school related information organized:

B.E.E Book/Binder (INFORMATIONAL BINDER)

- ❖ Agenda Books
- ❖ Homework Section
- ❖ Notes between home and school
- ❖ Newsletters/weekly memos/calendars
- ❖ Bee-utiful work (take out daily)

****Please check this book everyday (even Friday) for important notes or information****

Curriculum:

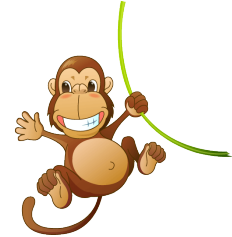
- ❖ New York State Standards for Second Grade (see insert)
- ❖ Textbooks: Reading, Math (new), Science, and Social Studies (new)
- ❖ Literacy (reading, writing, listening, speaking): foundation of all learning and includes 5 components- Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Comprehension and Fluency
- ❖ Enhancing with Visual Literacy (interpreting/expressing through visual images) - added to Literacy standards by the International Reading Association
- ❖ Mindfulness activities

Homework:

- ❖ Monday through Thursday: 1 spelling page per night and 2 Math pages per night (review packets sent home night before tests)
- ❖ Recommended 20 minutes daily reading. 25 book minimum independent reading for the school year. Please record your child's reading in his/her Reading log daily.

Reading/Writing:

- ❖ Weekly stories from textbook include workbooks to reinforce concepts taught through the story in a whole group.
- ❖ Spelling Test: weekly includes challenge words
- ❖ Reading Test: weekly will focus on weekly learned concepts such as:
 1. High Frequency Words /Vocabulary
 2. Comprehension Skills (Predict, Main Idea, Comparison/Contrast, etc...)
 3. Writing
- ❖ Guided Reading groups will start in October
- ❖ Writing workshop - new
- ❖ Journal Writing and/or projects throughout the week
- ❖ Foundations program as needed to supplement learning



Math:

- ❖ Spirals from 1st grade concepts and is more in depth. (See insert)
- ❖ Review sheets before every test sent home the night before
- ❖ Topic test: at the end of each topic (this varies on how it is retained by students).

Science and Social Studies:

- ❖ See "Connections Across Curriculums" insert

Classroom:

- ❖ Desks: arranged in u-shape so everyone will be in "the front row". Students will rotate seats periodically for social growth.
- ❖ Class library: arranged by reading grade level and genre
- ❖ Daily graph: connects with the material covered during the week to spur conversation and background knowledge and connects math with graphing and data collection
- ❖ Posted in class each day: schedule and homework

Daily Routine:

- ❖ Attendance/Dismissal: absence and daily pick-up notes (BEE Book!)
- ❖ Make sure you get your lunch orders every month
- ❖ Snack/Lunch daily: send healthy items
- ❖ Morning Assembly: 8:15 - 8:30 M,W,F
- ❖ Morning work: graph, math page, journal writing and sometimes handwriting
- ❖ Handwriting Workbook: print into cursive - emphasis on being proud of their penmanship
- ❖ Tokens: individual or class compliment
- ❖ Character Recognition: awards presented monthly

Specials

- ❖ **Monday:** STEM, Chorus (K-4)
- ❖ **Tuesday:** Physical Education, French
- ❖ **Wednesday:** Mandarin, Art
- ❖ **Thursday:** Music, Physical Education
- ❖ **Friday:** Music, Spanish

Presentations

- ❖ State Kite Collage
- ❖ Character Study

Report cards: Trimesters - discussed at Parent/Teacher Conference

Additional Items:

- ❖ **Snack:** 9:00am (Please supply healthy snacks everyday)
- ❖ **Lunch/Recess:** 11:52-am - 12:36pm (eating lunch first K-8)
- ❖ **Order hot lunch** ahead of time
- ❖ **Uniforms:** policy can be found on our website: www.thebridgesacademy.net
- ❖ **Bus dismissal:** daily changes please notify me
- ❖ **Birthdays:** celebrated during morning snack, everyone has their own snack

We are partners in your child's education, so please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns. You can email me at rosemarie.sullivan@bridgesli.org or call the school office and leave me a message to call you.

Before You Leave...

- ✓ Parent Conference sign-up
- ✓ Reading Partner sign-up

**THANK YOU
for coming tonight!**

