

February 1, 2019

Dear Second Grade Families,

It is February, so Valentines Day is coming up. Both classes will have a party in the afternoon. Children may bring Valentine cards for their classmates, but please have a Valentine for each classmate so that everyone feels included. Teachers will send home class lists with the names of each student so your child will remember who to include and how to spell their names. The parties will be inside each classroom and parents will volunteer to set up a craft station with activities for the kids to keep them busy and entertained. Please do not send candy to school! Room parents will organize snacks and craft activities. If you would like to participate, please reach out to your room parent. All family members are welcome.

In Math, Second Graders are beginning Unit 4 in our Investigations math books. We will work on graphing data. We will use bar graphs, picture graphs, Venn diagrams and line plots. In Language Arts we continue to work on our Small Moments narrative stories.

Many of our students need to be reminded to be kind to one another in class and on the playground. In addition to the friendship classes and Pluckywise problem solving classes our school counselor gave second graders in the fall, Miss Eliza will come teach another class to our Second Graders next week. This class will be called, Friendship and Bullying Prevention. She will visit Miss Jackson's class Monday morning and Miss Browning's class on Tuesday morning. In the meantime, here are our 2nd grade class rules that you may look over with your child if you would like to.

2nd grade class rules:

1. Be Kind!
2. Keep your body to yourself, including hands, arms and feet.
3. Respect yourself, your classmates, your teachers and your classroom materials.
4. Clean your things, do your job!

Consequences for not following the class rules:

1. One friendly reminder from a teacher or staff member.
2. Write a letter home to your family about what happened. (this is so families are informed and can talk with their student about the behavior).
3. Meet with Ms. Seekins and/or Miss Duran
4. Referral

Miss Jackson's Notes:

We are finishing up a study unit on animals that are native to Marin County. We will invite you for a presentation of our work in upcoming weeks.

We have a field trip coming up in March. We will go to the Marin Civic Center for Farm Day. It will be a morning field trip and we will be back to school for lunch. It will be on Thursday, March 21. We will leave around 8:45 and return around noon.

Miss J.

Notes from Ms. Browning's room:

1. Cesar is going on an extended trip to Brazil with his family on Feb. 7th. We would like to celebrate him on Wednesday Feb. 6th at 12:30-1:20pm. Please let me know if you would like to join us for some snacks and games.
2. We are looking for classroom volunteers to help with our quilt project and class auction quilt project. Please let me know if you would like to help and we will coordinate days and times. kbrowning@willowcreekacademy.org
3. We are look forward to our class's **Seeds to Flowers** program at the **Marin Headlands Nursery on Friday, March 1st, 10:00am – 1:00 pm**. We will be having lunch there. Students should bring a lunch if they are not having school field trip lunch.



Dear Kindergarten through 2nd grade Families,

Thank you to all of our amazing families who have been coming in to volunteer at our recesses. We invite parents to volunteer during our recess times (9:40-10:00am OR 11:20-11:40am) and we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

Guidelines:

* Please sign-in at the office and get a volunteer badge.

*Check in with a recess aide (Ms. Sumaira, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Eliana or Ms. Alison) to find out where they would like you to volunteer.

*If you are volunteering to monitor the zipline: one student at a time on the platform, only adults grab the bar, help students decide how to line up (roshambo-off, alphabetical order, birthday month order)

* If you are volunteering to play organized games such as four-square, basketball, soccer, etc: get equipment from Ms. Melissa, help students pick teams, engage in the game with them

*Please encourage the students to talk to each other when they have conflicts. If conflicts can't be resolved by students, ask the recess staff to help the students. Discipline should be handled by recess staff members only.