

Feb. 8, 2019

2nd grade reminder!

School begins at 8:15am in the MPR for Morning Assembly. Please talk with your student about getting ready for school. Prep the night before, eat breakfast.

2nd grade practices Responsive Classroom which focuses on the strong link between academic success and social-emotional learning.

We strive to create an environment in which your student can learn. In order to do this, the class worked together in the beginning of the year to create our class rules and consequences together. We want to share them with you again, so that we are all on the same page.

Here they are:

1. Be Kind! (use kind words, be friendly, help each other)
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 breaking the class rules:

1. Friendly reminder
2. Buddy Room and write a letter to your family (This is just so that your family knows what is happening and can discuss it at home, *I do not expect you to have more consequences at your home*. I hope that writing the letter is enough to help them think about being responsible for their actions, and to find out what is really going on with students - are they struggling at school, are they having a hard time making friends)
3. Meeting with Ms. Seekins and/or Ms. Duran and your family

This week Miss Eliza, our school counselor visited each second grade classroom. She talked to the kids about teasing. She talked about the difference between fun teasing with friends and the kind of teasing that makes people feel bad. Miss Eliza will continue to teach friendship classes to our kids throughout the school year. We will update you when she visits next.

In Math, Second Graders are finishing up Unit 3. We are working on writing and saying numbers up to 500 as well as adding and subtracting numbers up to 500. Unit 4 will be about graphs and data analysis.

We have been sending extra homework home to students who are in the Homework Club. I just made up the term Homework Club to make it seem exciting. Most Homework Club kids go to the after school program---the after school teachers have been asking for extra work for the kids to do during the

after school homework hour. So, we put together work for them, then a few kids who we think actually need some extra practice have been getting Homework Club work as well. We are sending work that is review work. One of the most important things we need the kids to work on right now is reading and following written instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, let us know. If you want your kid to join homework club, let us know.

Miss Jackson and Miss Browning 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.

Next Thursday is Valentines Day. Both second grade classes will have Valentines parties in the afternoon. If you want to bring a snack or a craft activity, let your room parent know.

Mid Winter Break is from Feb. 18 – 22.

Miss Browning's Notes:

Reading Logs are due on Fridays. Students get a sticker on the chart if they bring their reading log to class on Friday morning. They should have something written in it from their reading homework on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Students can also use RAZ kids online, read magazines, cookbooks, or any other fun reading activities. Students have a Scholastic Reader in their backpack. They can read about Groundhog's Day, answer the questions and write about what they read.

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.



