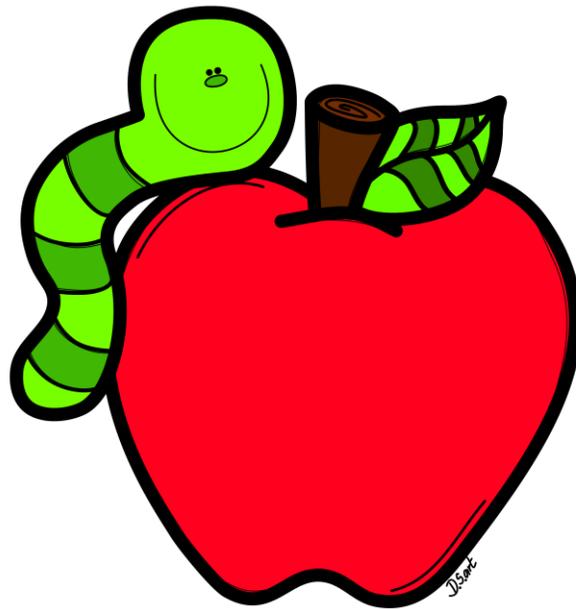


**Mrs. Sidor's  
Class  
Handbook**



2017-2018

**Wolf Creek Elementary**  
**Second Grade**  
**2017-2018**

Welcome to second grade! This is such an exciting year filled with many educational and personal opportunities for growth. During the year, you will notice a great change in your child. At first things will not seem that different, as we are reviewing what was learned first grade, but as the year progresses so does your students' abilities. Teaching your child new skills, watching them gain self-confidence, and encouraging them to be responsible, sensitive citizens brings me great joy. I believe all children can learn in a caring and supportive environment. I thoroughly enjoy my profession and consider it a privilege to work with you and your children.

This year, we will spend time emphasizing the life skills of responsibility and respect. Responsible students are successful students. Responsibility will be reinforced by the means of homework, classroom jobs, behavior management, and more. Respect will be reinforced by following directions, cooperative learning, friendship, and more. Please reinforce these two important life skills at home as well.

It is my intention that this packet serves as a reference guide for you and your student as we travel through the second grade. This letter will provide you with many bits of information regarding the upcoming year. Please never hesitate to contact me at [sidork@usd230.org](mailto:sidork@usd230.org), as I am always willing to work with families.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

We are always excited for a student's birthday! Students are welcome to celebrate their birthdays (or ½ birthdays if they have a summer birthday) at school by bringing individual treats for the entire class. Many students also choose to celebrate their birthdays outside of school. We cannot, however, allow students to pass out invitations at school. Thank you for your understanding.

### **HOME FOLDER**

Each night a home folder will be sent home containing any work done at school as well as important notes from myself or from the office. Please empty the contents of the folder on a nightly basis. It is important that the home folder be returned to school each day.

### **READING MINUTES**

Starting the first of September, reading minutes should be logged on the calendars sent from our school librarian. It is important to have your student read a little every evening. Students will be asked to read 240 minutes a month. Students who complete this 240 minute goal for each month of the entire year will receive special recognition at our awards assembly in May.

### **HOMEWORK**

It is my desire that each child practices his or her academic skills at home as well as at school. Practice at home will help to reinforce skills/concepts learned at school. Therefore, students are responsible for skills practice each night in addition to nightly reading. Skills practice may be in the form of written homework or can include practicing math facts, spelling words, or reading. The homework that is sent home is to be done by the student, with parent guidance if needed. (20 minutes of reading and math homework is sufficient for 2nd grade).

### **MATH HOME LINKS**

Students will be bringing home math homework in the form of home links. The home link will be a review of the day's math lesson. The students are expected to complete the homework and return the following day, this will reflect as their homework grade on report cards. Math does not come home every night.

### **TESTING**

The children take several tests throughout the year. We do testing to determine their reading level as well as any skills that need to be re-taught. The first part of September the students will be doing DIBELS testing that measures their reading fluency. They will also take Map testing in math and reading to help us monitor their academic growth throughout their educational careers. These two tests will be given three times during the school year.

### **LOVE AND LOGIC**

Love and Logic is the behavior plan implemented in my classroom which is used to help guide kids to own and solve their problems. Students will be treated with respect, so that they will know how to treat others. They are welcome to do anything that does not cause a problem for anyone else at school. If they do cause a problem, they will be asked to solve it. If they cannot solve the problem, or choose not to, I will help them. What I do, will depend on the special person and the special situation.

### **LIBRARY**

Every week students will have the opportunity to check out books of their choice from the library. Each week they will be responsible for returning them in order to check out a new book. Our library checkout days are each Wednesday.

### **RECESS**

Second grade students have two recesses each day. We ask that students do not bring toys from home. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather (winter coats, hats, mittens). School policy states that we will go outside if the temp. is below 90 degrees and above 20 degrees.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Parents are always welcome to volunteer in our classroom. Students really enjoy seeing their parents working in our room. Volunteers may be asked to help with teacher projects, artwork, special projects, celebrations, reading, and many other exciting activities. Please call and let us know if you are unable to make it to a scheduled volunteer time, so that we have enough time to find another volunteer. We truly appreciate your time and support!

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please never hesitate to call or email me with any questions or concerns. If you email me in the evenings, please allow until the following day for a response.

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SPECIALS: DAILY 12:55-1:45

Monday- Discovery & PE

Tuesday- Success Lab & Music

Wednesday- Discovery & PE

Thursday- Success Lab & Music

Friday- Clubs

For your child to become a life-long learner it is vital that you participate in your child's school experience. We need to work together to give your child the skills that they need for their future. If you have any suggestions on how I can make your child reach their potential, I would love to hear them. I am very excited about seeing your children grow socially, academically, and personally.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Sidor