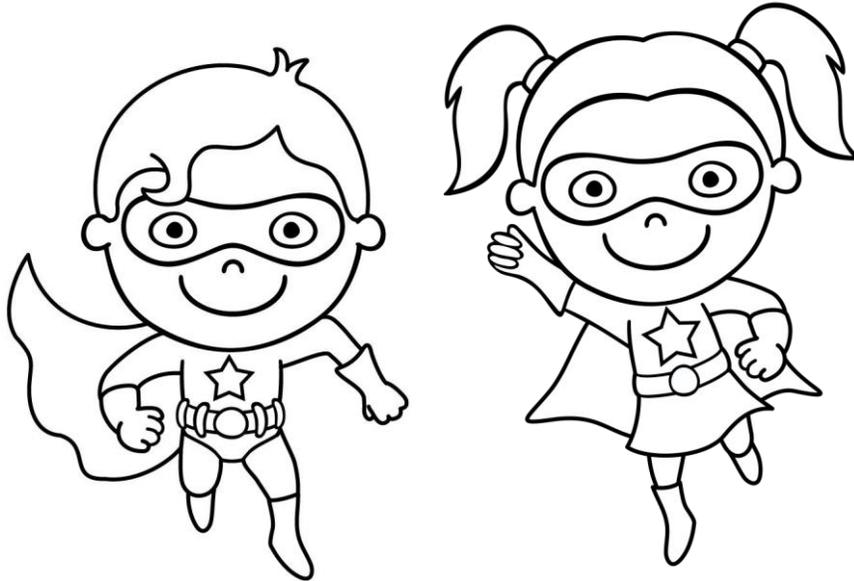


# Mrs. Schell's Second Grade Superheroes



The following is important information you'll need for a successful year in second grade.

# Welcome to Second Grade

I created this packet to provide you with important information about our classroom. I hope you find this information helpful.

## **Classroom Rules**

“Be a Behavior Superhero!”

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Safe
4. Golden Rule: Choose to treat others the way you wish to be treated.

## **Homework**

Students are expected to read every night. Classroom books at your child's **independent** reading level will be sent home weekly in a Ziplock bag to practice. A letter explaining your child's IRLA level will be sent home. This will allow you to know what skills your child is practicing at school, so you can also practice at home. Please have your child read and return the book to school every Monday.

Students should also practice basic math facts as homework. A photocopy of the flashcards your child is practicing in class will be sent home. Please keep these flashcards at home or in your child's homework bag. A new sheet will be sent home when your child is ready to move on to the next level. Students need to have the facts memorized and give the correct answer with 100% accuracy to move on to the next level.

Homework in second grade should not take longer than 20 minutes each night. (Monday-Thursday)

## **Eureka Math**

Eureka Math is a complete mathematics curriculum that sequences mathematical progressions into modules. Eureka Math connects math to the real world and builds student confidence—helping students achieve true understanding lesson by lesson.

In second grade we will focus on Fact fluency (addition and subtraction) to 20, add and subtract within 100 with pencil and paper, place value to 1,000, measurement, tells time to 5 minutes, counts money to \$1.00, represent and interpret data, shape attributes, and partitioning shapes.

### **Reading Workshop**

Reading workshop begins with a mini lesson on a strategy or skill. Students are then sent off to read independently and practice the strategy or skill that was just taught. The teacher will conference and/or meet with individual students or small groups during this time. The workshop will end with a brief sharing time.

### **Guided Reading/ WIN (What I Need)/ Daily Five**

During this time, students are taught at their individual level either independently or in a small group. Lessons may focus on a comprehension strategy or phonics skill. While the teacher is meeting with individual students or groups, the rest of the class is involved in daily five activities like read to someone, word work, listen to reading, or work on writing.

### **Word Study**

Students will be working with different spelling patterns through various learning activities. Student understanding and application of spelling patterns will be monitored through weekly writing activities.

### **Writing Workshop**

Our core program is Being a Writer. Students are involved in the writing process in second grade. We will write personal narratives, opinion, and expository pieces in second grade.

### **Handwriting**

We start off the year by reviewing manuscript handwriting. We will learn cursive in January. We utilize the Foundations program.

### **Science**

We will learn about Objects in the Sky, Balance and Motion, and Plants.

### **Social Studies**

We will learn about Communities, Government, Economics, and Resources.

### **Special Area Schedule**

**Wednesday**-Music & Health/PE

*\*Don't forget to wear your sneakers.*

**Thursday**- PE/Health

*\*Don't forget to wear your sneakers.*

**Friday**-Library & Art

*\*Please bring an art shirt with your name on it. Don't forget your library books, so you can sign out new books.*

### **Snack**

Every day our class will have snack at about 10:15, since we do not eat lunch until 12:40. If you would like your child to have a snack, please send a nutritious snack to school with your child each day. I will not be providing snack. We will also have a water and bathroom break at this time.

### **Scholastic Book Clubs**

I will be sending home order forms on a monthly basis. This is optional. If you wish to place an order, please return the completed form and a check made payable to Scholastic. Please do **NOT** send cash. You may also place your order online at Scholastic.com. Our class code is DLN64.

### **Birthdays**

Please feel free to send in a small treat for your child's birthday. We have 22 students in our class. If your child has a summer birthday, you may send in their birthday treat on their "half birthday" or at the end of the school year. **Please send me a note or email, so I know when your treat will be coming to school.** We will eat the birthday treat during our morning snack time.

If you are handing out birthday invitations at school, please give one to **each** member of the class or **all the girls** if you have a daughter or **all the boys** if you have a son. If you can't invite everyone, please **do not** pass out the invitations at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Transportation**

If your there is a change and your child is not going home his/her normal way, please send me a **written note** or **call the office** to inform us of the change. If the school is not notified, I must send your child home his/her normal way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at school at 610-473-1920, email me at [kschell@boyertownasd.org](mailto:kschell@boyertownasd.org), or send me a note. I look forward to a super year!