

Welcome to 2nd Grade

Mrs. Zimmerman

I am so excited to be working with your student this year! I know that, together, we can make this an enjoyable and successful year.

Dress: Please send your child dressed appropriately for the weather and in accordance with the school's dress code. Students who are not in proper school uniform will be required to call home so that a change of clothing can be brought to him/her or will be provided with a school-issued uniform that will need to be washed and returned. The school dress code can be found in your parent handbook.

Homework: The secret to having a great second grade year is to develop a love for reading! It is my goal and desire to help each child love to read. Each student is expected to read at least 20 minutes each week day. This should be recorded on their monthly reading log. **Your child will have a homework folder that will serve as a home-to-school communication. Please check it regularly. Students need to keep these folders in their backpacks.**

Please be sure to subscribe to my blog: qacblogs.org/brittany.zimmerman. When you subscribe, you will receive an email each time I post something on the blog.

Grading:

Elementary Grading Scale

- 4 The student can apply and/or teach the standard.
- 3 The student can meet the standard independently.
- 2 The student can meet the standard with help.
- 1 The student cannot meet the standard even with help.
- 0 The student refuses to meet the standard.

Understanding where students are in relation to mastery of Common Core standards helps teachers and parents know if students need additional help, if students are proficient, or if students need further enrichment. At Quest Academy, students' grades are determined by student performance on various grade level assessments. Students are given multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery and proficiency of standards. For example, if a student receives a below proficiency score, he/she will not only be retaught, but will also have the opportunity to raise his/her score by retaking the assessment multiple times throughout the term. We are excited for the implementation

of this model and for the opportunities that will be offered our students for academic growth.

Birthdays: If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday by sending items to school, you may bring non-food items for each student in the class. Summer birthdays can celebrate their birthday if they wish on the week they signed up to be the Star Student.

Star Student: Each student will have a week throughout the school year to be the STAR. This will be their week to bring show and tell items and present a poster about themselves. The sign-up sheet will be available at back to school night. I will assign students a week if they have not signed up. This will be the only time that students may bring show-and-tell items unless they purchase a Show-and-Tell coupon from the class store.

Water Bottles: Students may bring a water bottle, with water only, to school each day. Please note that your child will lose his/her privilege of having a water bottle in class if they are not responsible with it. My goal is to provide a safe atmosphere that motivates students to learn and enhance self-esteem. To make this possible, each student will be expected to do his/her personal best and follow directions the first time given.

Behavior: Our class will use a money system to track behavior. Money will be rewarded and taken according to behavior. Their money will be saved in their banks for an opportunity to "buy" privileges and prizes each week.

Money System

I can earn money for...

- Being on time
- Turning in homework on time
- Completing work on time
- Keeping personal area clean
- Good behavior
- Completing my job

I will pay money for...

- Not doing my job
- Disruptive behavior
- Not following our class rules

RESTROOM PROCEDURES: Students are allowed up to 2 bathroom visits each day. Students should use the restroom before school and during lunch and afternoon recess. Please encourage your child to use the restroom during these times so that the classroom learning is not interrupted. I am very understanding in emergency situations. Students will be required to use one of their two bathroom passes to use the restroom during teaching time.

DONATIONS: In order to enrich your child's educational experience, I ask for voluntary donations for supplies. A donation of \$20 will provide your student with their needed supplies. Additionally, your child will also need to bring a good pair of headphones. We use these daily and I will let you know if your child needs these replaces. Prizes for the weekly class store are also appreciated. Donation of your time is also appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be provided on back-to-school night.

Food Items: Throughout the school year we have activities that involve food. Permission must be given in advance. I will post permission for food items in advance of any activity containing food. If permission is not given, students will not be able to participate in the activity.

Flexible seating: Our classroom will be implementing flexible seating. This means that there will be many different seating options in the classrooms. Students will be able to make choices in seating and be able to assess how they learn best. I understand that each child is unique and believe that this will help many of our little ones learn more efficiently. If you have any questions or concerns, you may email me. You will also be able to observe and ask questions at Back to School night.

My Blog: I will communicate mainly through through Bloomz. Please make sure you are subscribed to receive emails each time I post. You are welcome to email me at bzimmerman@questac.org any time, or you may call the school

during school hours to get in touch with me.

Please sign and return this portion only

Child's name: _____

Please sign and return this section stating that you and your child have read and understand this disclosure.

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Additional comments or questions:
