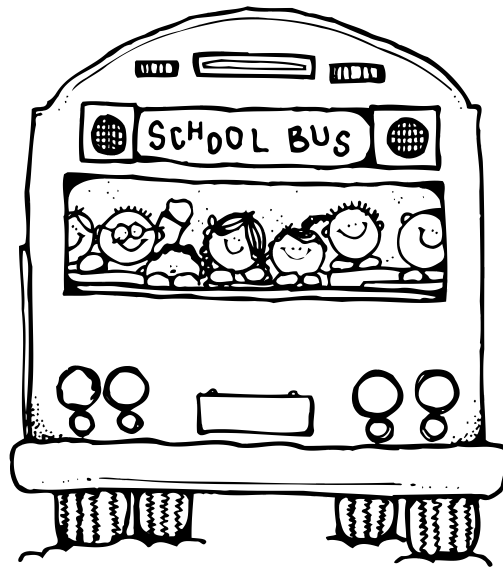


# Second Grade

## Classroom Handbook:

A resource for parents and students



Picnic Point Elementary  
2018-2019

Here is an overview of our classroom procedures! 😊

### CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND ROUTINES

Children learn best in a caring, calm and rich learning environment. My goal is to provide a nurturing, supportive classroom community where everyone can participate and learn. I believe in positive, proactive behavior management with consistent expectations and consequences. We will be discussing and creating our classroom agreement the first week. It is helpful if parents can reinforce these expectations at home.

In a nutshell, our class expectations are:

1. I will respect myself and others.
2. I will listen and follow directions.
3. I will try my best.
4. I will have fun!



### HOMEWORK

The most important homework you can do with your child is to read together daily. Additionally, other assignments will serve as a home/school connection and opportunities for practice and review. Homework is not graded, as it is viewed as practice of the skills learned in class. Report card grades will be derived from quizzes and tests, as well as students' participation and effort. Homework helps students successfully prepare for those assessments. I ask that parents or guardians initial students' homework, which shows me they had a chance to talk about their work with a family member or caregiver. I will then do a quick skim and return the homework to the student.

### SCHOOL FOLDERS

To encourage and develop organizational skills, your child will bring home a Picnic Point Elementary Folder every night. The folder needs to be returned to school **EVERYDAY**. Please check this folder each evening with your child to encourage good study skills at home. Your child will be provided one folder for the year. If they lose, damage or want a new folder, a new one may be purchased for \$1.00 from the office.

One side of the folder is for papers that students leave at home. The other side of the folder is for paperwork that requires your signature and should be returned to school. Setting up routines with your child early in the year for returning his/her signed paperwork leads to success later in the year and throughout his/her school career. Please make this a daily priority and encourage responsibility on the part of your child. Help them take ownership for this task.

### ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and being on time to school is fundamental at Picnic Point! Second grade lessons and activities are group-centered and participation is essential. Please see that your child is on time and prepared for the school day. All children must wait on the playground prior to the first bell in the morning. If your child does arrive late please stop by the office for a tardy slip. **There is no supervision outside until 8:45.**

### BLOOMZ

I use an app called Bloomz ([www.bloomz.net](http://www.bloomz.net)) for parent communication. All it requires is an email address to sign up. It may be accessed by computer or smart phone app. I find it to be very useful because I can easily and securely share photos with you of your child's learning, broadcast announcements, and provide ways for you to interact with other parents if you wish. Also, Bloomz will translate messages into other languages for those families whose home language is one other than English. I will be sending each of you invitations via email during the first week of school! Please help us out by keeping your contact info up to date. Thanks!

## RECESS

Students have recess in the morning and before lunch everyday. Please assist your child in dressing appropriately for the ever-changing Northwest weather. Shoes and clothing suitable for play are also encouraged.

- ❖ Waterproof coats with hoods are ideal.
- ❖ Umbrellas are not allowed at recess.

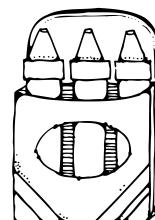
## TRANSPORTATION

Please let me and the office know if your child will be getting home a different/special way than usual. This includes going with friends, daycare, a new babysitter, etc. The school **must** have a written note or e-mail to release your child in a different manner than what is on record. This will really help everyone keep our kids safe. Thank you!

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please refer to the school district's list of school supplies your child needs to have ([www.mukilteo.wednet.edu](http://www.mukilteo.wednet.edu), under Quick Links). If supplies run low later in the year, I will send out a notice with our needs.

- ❖ Picnic Point has a “No Toys at School” rule, and items that students choose to use as toys instead of tools may be put away or sent home.

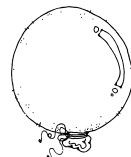


## BOOK ORDER

Each month you will have the opportunity to order books for your child at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com). These books are offered to you at a special low price with no additional cost for shipping. Ordering books through your child's classroom is a great way to build your library at home while instilling a love of reading in your child. Our classroom code is QFRLJ.

## BIRTHDAYS

Please let me know in advance if you would like to send in a special snack in celebration of your child's birthday. This is completely optional of course! The best treats are those that are quick and easy to distribute and not too messy (cookie, fruit snack, brownie bite, etc.) We will have a special time in the afternoon where we honor the birthday boy or girl by singing and sharing appreciation. If your child has a summer birthday, we can celebrate in June!



- ❖ **To avoid hurting anyone's feelings, please distribute birthday party invitations outside of school, unless your child is inviting ALL the students in our class. You may use the Bloomz app to invite specific families privately. Thank you!**

## LUNCH AND BREAKFAST

Your child may bring a lunch from home or purchase one at school. A monthly menu calendar will come home showing what will be for lunch & breakfast. Children are given several choices when eating school lunch. Discussing the choices prior to coming to school eases anxiety when it is time to make their lunch decision. Lunches can be purchased one day at a time or be paid in advance (10 lunches, 20 lunches, for example). Online payments can be made at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com). We strongly suggest that if you are able to pay for lunches in advance, please do so. This greatly reduces the chances of lost lunch money, etc. Breakfast is also available prior to school starting in the morning. Costs are:



Breakfast \$1.50  
Lunch \$3.00  
Milk only \$ .50

## SCHEDULE

Here is our daily schedule Monday through Thursday...subject to change as needed.

8:55 – 9:10 Morning Routines  
9:15 – 9:25 Morning Meeting  
9:30 – 10:00 Reading Lesson or Vocabulary  
10:00 – 10:30 Reading Workshop in Small Groups  
10:30 – 10:45 Recess  
10:50 – 11:10 Independent Daily Reading (IDR)  
11:15 – 12:05 Math  
12:10 – 12:25 Recess  
12:25 – 12:45 Lunch  
12:50 – 1:05 Finish Math, Word Study  
1:10 – 1:55 Specialist  
2:00 – 2:30 Writing  
2:35 – 3:10 Science or Social Studies  
3:15 – 3:20 Pack Up and Jobs  
3:25 Dismissal

### **1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Specialist Schedule**

Library:	Thursday
Music:	Tuesday
Technology:	Every other Friday
PE:	Monday, Wednesday, every other Friday

Fridays are a little different due to early release:

8:55 – 9:10 Morning Routines  
9:10 – 9:25 Morning Meeting  
9:30 – 10:00 Vocabulary, Word Study  
10:15 – 10:30 Recess  
10:35 – 10:50 Sight Words Quiz  
11:00 – 11:30 Specialist  
11:40 – 12:00 Independent Daily Reading (IDR)  
12:10 – 12:25 Recess  
12:25 – 12:45 Lunch  
12:50 – 1:20 Math  
1:25 – 1:50 Science, Social Studies or Art  
1:55 – 2:05 Pack Up and Jobs  
2:10 Dismissal



## SNACKS

There are a couple of opportunities for students to have snack during the day, 9:55 and 2:00. Our days are very busy so we will only spend a couple minutes for snack. With this in mind, please make sure that the snack your child brings to school is quick and easy to both eat and clean up. Excellent choices are: small energy bar, banana, squeezable fruit pack, small protein drink. Once snack time is over, we will put all food away in our back packs. I will keep an extra supply of Cheerios for any student who needs a snack but is without one. If you would like to donate Cheerios to the class, they are always appreciated!

## WATER BOTTLES

In order to cut down on long lines at the drinking fountain and because of the health benefits of drinking water, students are invited to keep a water bottle on their desks (as long as it does not become a distraction). Water bottles should be thoroughly cleaned out or replaced regularly and may be filled either at home or first thing in the morning at school. Please note that pop, juice, or other beverages are not permitted in the water bottles.

## PE

On the days our class has P.E., students will enjoy more activity time if they adhere to the following guidelines as outlined by the PE teachers, Mr. Falk and Ms. Dodson:

- 1) Proper PE attire
  - a. No coats, sweaters or jackets.
  - b. No hats, scarves or excessive jewelry.
  - c. Proper PE shoes (no boots, platforms or heels) with laces tied!  
Shoes will be available for those students who forget proper shoes.
- 2) Equipment
  - a. No toys or personal play equipment.

## CONFERENCES

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held the week of Thanksgiving (November 19 – 21). Sign-up information will be coming soon!

## VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom or helping out with tasks, please let me know and I will send home a Volunteer Information sheet. There are a variety of ways to be involved, either from home, in the workroom, or in the classroom. Volunteers begin around October and as needed.

## PICKING YOUR CHILD UP EARLY or VOLUNTEERING?

For the safety of all children, visitors are required to sign in at the office before entering the classroom. Office staff will give you a nametag to make you easily identified.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

All clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks and materials should be clearly marked with your child's name. These items quickly become lost without identification. The Lost and Found is located in or just outside building A, depending on time of day.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You can help raise money for your child's classroom by saving your Box Tops! You will find Box Tops on most General Mills box food packages. Just clip and send them in with your child- it's as easy as that! We use the money we raise for classroom materials, special projects and parties. Thanks for your help!

This is a lot of information! You get a gold star for reading this far! 😊 If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I sincerely appreciate our partnership together in your child's education.

I am looking forward to a fun and growth-filled year!

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THANKS!