

Independence Christian School

Guide to Second Grade

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Mrs. Bakuwel

Second Grade

Welcome to second grade! This handbook is designed to help you understand how your child's second grade class will be organized. Please refer to this handbook throughout the year. We look forward to teaching your child this year and hope that by working together we can make this an enjoyable and successful year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office. May God bless your family in the year to come.

Yours in the Lord,

Mrs. Bakuwel

Grading Policy



Your child will be required to complete certain work toward earning a grade in each subject. Below is a breakdown of each subject's graded materials.

Math	Tests, written and oral
Bible	Weekly verse memorization
Reading	In class oral reading
Phonics	Written test
Spelling	Weekly tests
Penmanship	Tests, daily work

Students will earn grades in remaining subjects by completing any required daily work. Those students receiving lower than a 70% on any test will be required to take the test home and return it the next day, with a parent signature.

Tests will *usually* be given on Fridays each week.

Homework Policy

Homework is necessary to reinforce what is being learned in class. It also gives the students extra practice on work that is to be memorized. Generally, it will take about 30-45 minutes for the average student on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Parent's responsibilities include checking to see that all homework has been done neatly, completely and correctly before signing the homework sheet. Homework must always be completed in pencil and on the paper provided. Parents will also need to help prepare their child for tests or quizzes.

Developing good homework habits in second grade sets a good foundation for later years.



Behavior Program

We will be using a behavior clip chart in our classroom. As students are seen following class rules, they will be asked to move their clips up the chart. As students are seen not following class rules, they will be asked to move their clips down the chart as a reminder to follow class rules. Students will have until the end of the day to turn around their behavior.



Rewards for Positive Behavior

For students with a clip on “Good Behavior”, “Awesome Behavior”, or “Super Student” at the end of the day will receive classroom dollars.

- Good Choices: Student will receive \$1.00
- Awesome Behavior: Student will receive \$2.00
- Super Student: Student will receive \$3.00

** Students will be able to use the classroom dollars to buy items in the class treasure chest.



Consequences for Negative Behavior

- Think about It: Student is given a warning about inappropriate behavior
- Teacher’s Choice: Student will lose time from an activity; teacher chooses the activity to be missed.
- Parent Contact: Student will lose more time from an activity chosen by the teacher and the teacher will contact a parent to discuss the issue.
- Severe misbehavior: Student will be sent to the office to meet with Mr. Cushing to discuss the misbehavior.

The purpose of this discipline plan is to help students develop self-control in the classroom. I strongly believe in reinforcing positive behaviors, and will stay in close contact with parents if a behavioral problem arises. Please review and discuss any broken rules with your child. Your child’s citizenship grade is based on obeying these class and school rules. More details on the Behavior Program will be discussed at the Parent Information Night.

Classroom Rewards

Individual reward: When the students follow the classroom rules, they will be rewarded as seen with the behavior clip chart and the classroom dollars used at the class treasure chest.

Whole class reward: As the whole-class follows the classroom rules both inside the classroom and outside the classroom (in the halls, at recess, at art class, etc.), the class will earn marbles. A full jar of marbles earns a class party – to be determined by the teacher.

Birthdays

Students are permitted to bring cupcakes, doughnuts, cookies or other individually prepared treats for the class. Drinks are permitted as long as they are individually wrapped, such as juice boxes. Please not cakes or jugs of juice for birthdays.

Supply List

- School Box to keep supplies in-standard size
- 1 Twelve Inch ruler with metric
- 1 pair of scissors-adult
- \$100.00 Classroom Fee – checks to be made out to ICS
- New International Version Bible
- 1 large box of crayons (48 count)
- 1 box #2 pencils per semester, Ticonderoga brand
- Erasers for pencil ends
- 1 package of colored pencils – 1 large pencil eraser
- 1 large box of tissue (to be shared with class)
- 1 large glue stick per semester, or 2 small glue sticks
- 1 bottle of school glue
- 2 folders (2 pocket type), these will be used for homework
- 2 wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks
- 2 packages wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 roll paper towels

Excused and Unexcused Absence and Tardy Procedures

All children who have been absent, must return to school with a note (explaining their absence) in order to return to class. A written request is required for all pre-planned absences and must be approved by Mr. Cushing at least one-week in advance.

Unexcused absences:

Family vacation

Trips to Disneyland

Family visiting from out of town-etc.

Remember, ALL requests must be in writing with at least one-week advance notice. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Excused absences:

Illness

Death in the family

Medical or Dental emergency

All students arriving at school after 8:30 am are considered late and must go to the office for an admittance slip. ***An adult must accompany late students to the office.***

I am aware of the Absence & Tardy procedures.

Parent name _____

Student name _____ Date _____

Return to school immediately.