



Welcome to Second Grade with Mrs. Sutton and Mr. Coffin

We are so glad to have the privilege of working with your child this year. With your continued help at home, we know it will be a wonderful and successful year. This letter will provide you with a better understanding of the year to come. Below is a schedule of the special classes your child will have this year.

<u>Home Room 206 kids (Sutton)</u>	<u>Home Room 203 kids (Coffin)</u>
Monday: Computer	Monday: Gym (wear gym shoes)
Tuesday: Gym (wear gym shoes)	Tuesday: Library
Wednesday: Art/Music	Wednesday: Art/Music
Thursday: Library	Thursday: Gym (wear gym shoes)
Friday: Gym (wear gym shoes)	Friday: Computer

Homework:

Homework is a time for your child to practice skills learned in school and to develop responsibility. It also gives you a chance to see what skills your child is working on at school. Homework is generally assigned one night per week and a due date will be given.

Reminder notes will be sent home for missing homework. Homework not turned in on the second day will result in loss of recess to complete the work.

Should an occasion arise and it is not possible to complete homework on time, please send a note of explanation so that an extra day can be given.

Besides the assigned nightly homework, your child should study vocabulary words, spelling words, math facts/Home Links and read each night.

NOTE: Please check your child's take home folder each day, empty out papers, and return any important ones to school. Important papers will come home often. **Our paperless calendar is available through Remind101 and website.** We will do our best to share as much information with you through the remind101 app. Please keep this calendar handy.

Spelling: (taught by Mrs. Sutton)

A list will be sent home on Friday. On Thursdays, your child will take both a written spelling test including the 15 assigned words, plus two sentences of at least 5 words each. The teacher will dictate one sentence and the student will write one of their own using a spelling word.

Math: (taught by Mr. Coffin)

Website: <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/school/k6z3> (please bookmark this site)

Students will be working with the “Everyday Math” program. Everyday Math is a new series in the Boardman Schools that has been very successful in other districts and we adopted in 2016. This is a research-based program, emphasizing the understanding of math skills, including writing and discussion of answers. Mastery of facts is important and will be learned through repetition of games and thinking through strategies. As parents, you can help by encouraging your child to explain his/her math answers, asking questions, telling time, counting coins and practicing math facts. Please visit the site above regularly!

Language Arts: (taught by Mrs. Sutton)

Your child will continue to work on becoming a better reader and writer through the use of phonics, vocabulary, grammar, comprehension, fluency and writing skills. You can help by reviewing completed classwork, monitoring homework, and reading to and with your child nightly. Grammar is included in the writing curriculum in second grade.

Science: (taught by Mr. Coffin)

Students will study the Science standards set for second grade. We will be exploring science inquiry, physical science, life science, earth and space science, and science and technology. We will have our main focus on: What is Science? Who and What are Scientists? What is Weather? Forces and Motion, Gravity, Magnets, Impacts of Humans/Plants and Animals on their environments and habitats, etc.

Social Studies: (taught by Mr. Coffin)

Your child will be exposed to the Social Studies standards set for second graders, including government, geography, history, and economics with the use of Studies Weekly magazine.

Materials / School supplies:

1. Your child has brought materials and basic supplies for classroom use. Some will be shared on a classroom community basis and some will be kept with your child in their pencil pouches.
2. After school forms are due on Monday, even if your child doesn't go until later in the week. This will help the attendant be able to plan on the appropriate number of materials.
3. Please remember, your child goes outside for recess on most days. Please send appropriate jackets, boots, hats and gloves when necessary.

Support/Emotional Needs: Amanda.Scrocco@BoardmanSchools.org (330) 726-3427

Please contact our guidance counselor, Mrs. Amanda Scrocco with any issues that your child may be having and you feel they may need to talk to the counselor about or if an issue should arise. Mrs. Scrocco is at West Blvd. each day Thank you!

Grading: Boardman Local School have changed to a Standards Based Report Card

Math Marks (these will be used as well for BEHAVIOR marks on report card):

M- consistently meets or has mastered the standard- most of the time, you will not see this mark until the 4th 9 weeks.

P- Progressing toward the standard with frequent success.

L- Limited progress is being made.

B- Below grade level expectations.

Language Arts:

4 - Consistently meets standard (grade level)

3 - Progressing toward standard with frequent success (grade level)

2 - Progressing toward standard with additional support (below grade level)

1 - Limited progress toward standard with additional support (below grade level)

Birthday Treats: Healthy birthday treats will be passed out in the cafeteria at lunchtime. Please have treats individually wrapped and to the classroom **prior to 11:00 a.m.**

Birthday Invitations: All invitations must be sent from home through the mail. They cannot be delivered at school.

Discipline and Classroom Rules: Students will spend time discussing Classroom Rules to follow during the year. We will also be using Class Dojo to track both positive and negative behaviors throughout the year which you can review daily and with your child at home on a daily basis. Instructions to create your parent and student DOJO have been sent home!

ALL SECOND GRADE (POSITIVE):

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Responsible
3. Be a Friend
4. Be Your Best!

After several warnings, failure to follow the rules will result as follows:

- Further issues will result in a phone call home.
- Severe behavior issues will go directly to Mr. Cervello.

Attendance:

1. It is so important that your child be at school **each day and on time**. We begin our academic day promptly at 8:05, however, children should try to arrive by 7:50 to be prepared for their day. Children arriving late often have difficulties adjusting into our schedule. Late students will be expected to stay in at recess to catch up on missed jobs and activities.
2. If your child is absent, you must send a written note upon your child's return. This is a mandated state requirement.
3. Vacations must be approved in advance by Mr. Cervello.
4. Due to House Bill 410, absences are now recorded on an hourly-based system.

E-mail and Remind:

Remind 101 is a way for us to communicate, we will be sending home lots of “reminders” through this service and it will be sent directly to your phone. **This is our #1 way of communicating with you.** We often send pictures of the homework, study guides, spelling and vocabulary words, newsletters and much more. Please sign up for **BOTH** accounts today to get all information regarding your child’s classes!

Justin.Coffin@BoardmanSchools.org (Mr. Coffin)

Text the number: 81010 with the message: @coffin203

Karen.Sutton@BoardmanSchools.org (Mrs. Sutton)

Text the number: 81010 with the message: @ksutton202

Please feel free to email us at any time. We will try to respond as quickly as possible. Please put your child’s name in the subject area. **For urgent messages, please call us through the office or send a note.** Thanks.

Parent Homework Checklist

Sign up for Remind101 Text 81010 with the message: @coffin203 and @ksutton202 (please sign up for both to get all messages from us)
Bookmark our website: https://sites.google.com/view/welcome-to-second-grade/home
Follow Mr. Coffin and Mrs. Sutton on DRUND/SPARTAN NATION (Also, please sign up to follow both to get all messages from us)
Sign up for Class Dojo (paper came home at open house)
Bookmark Math Website: https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/school/k6z3
All Papers Signed and Returned
All School Fees Paid

Thank you,
Mrs. Sutton and Mr. Coffin

*****Please cut and return *****

I have read and understood the Welcome to Second Grade classroom and building policies.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____