



Welcome students and parents! I hope to answer some important questions you may have about our classroom.

1. First, and most importantly, do we have a snack?

Yes, snack time is around 9:30. Please make sure it is a healthy snack that can be eaten WITHOUT spoons. Snacks with vitamins, protein, and WITHOUT tons of sugar are preferred. Chips and cookies are better saved for lunch. Water bottles are welcome, please be sure they are not “sweating” so our desk work isn’t ruined.

2. When is lunch and recess?

Our lunch time is 11:10-11:30. Recess is 11:30-11:50.

3. When are our specials?

All specials are at 10:30, except library at 12:00.

Monday-Music Tuesday-P.E. Wednesday-P.E. Thursday-Music Friday-Library

4. Will we have homework?

Yes, we will have a spelling activity and a 90 seconds sheet (timed addition or subtraction sheet based on the skill of the quarter) each night. Depending on the math lesson, there may be a math skills sheet (reinforcement of the math lesson taught for the day) too. As with other grades, you will be asked to record your nightly 20 minute reading on the homework agenda provided by me starting in September. Your child will also have a homework sheet to be signed nightly by you. They will keep a “Star Sheet” in their red folder that will be turned in with homework daily. This sheet is used to record homework turned in.

5. What is the PBIS system?

PBS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support. We use this system school-wide to try to promote positive behaviors such as showing respect, responsibility, citizenship, caring and trustworthiness. The goal is to be on green each day. The children that meet the goal of 80% green days for the 25-30 cycle will get to attend a PBIS reward. Children will also strive to be caught being good by any teacher and receive Tootles on the “Oodles of Tootles” board.

6. Are there are donation opportunities?

But of course! We are always in need of items for our treasure chest rewards, indoor recess board games, colored copy paper, and sandwich sized Ziploc bags. Feel free to donate any time of year!

7. What is the bathroom policy?

The children have at least 5 opportunities to go to the bathroom each day. When they first arrive to our classroom at 8:00, right before we switch for math at 9:20, when we walk to specials at 10:30, before or after lunch (if needed), after recess at 11:45, and before reading groups at 1:00. If your child is not able

to use the restroom at those times, we do have a system where they can use the restroom 3 others times throughout the week. If they need to go more often, please let me know and we can arrange for that to happen. Otherwise, if they need to go more than 3 EXTRA times during the week they will need to move their clip. This system exists because of playing in the bathroom and work avoidance issues. We can discuss this policy further and work out a solution if you feel your child has special bathroom needs.

8. What is the class website address?

You can find our class website at <http://www.maddriverschools.org//Domain/360>. I will update it each weekend with information about our upcoming week, homework, academic work, pictures and firefly notes (notes we write about friends brightening our day). I will email you the information I write on the ANNOUNCEMENTS page each Sunday evening.

9. Why does my child need a bag of coins?

For the money unit in math, your child needs to bring in **20 pennies, 10 nickels, 10 dimes and 4 quarters**. The coins should be in a Ziploc bag with the child's name on it. We will use these coins for several lessons and they will be returned to your child at the end of the year.

10. How do I sign up for party donations, volunteering, and conferences?

I had sign-up sheets posted on the wall during Open House. If you did not attend open house, please let me know and I can give you times that are still available for conferences, volunteering positions available, and what is still needed for parties.

11. How do I contact you?

Email is the best contact method if it is not an emergency. I am usually able to get back with you the same day you contact me either by email or phone.

Email: danielle.jett@maddriverschools.org Phone: 937-259-6620, ext. 4002

12. How do I sign up to get reminder texts on my phone?

To join, send a text to (317) 973-1382 with the message @2a530. If you have email on your phone, you can send an email message to: 2a530@mail.remind.com and then leave the subject line blank. You can choose which method you find easier. There will be no need to reply to those messages; they will be reminders of classroom or whole school events only.

****Hopefully, this letter has helped you feel comfortable about what to expect this year. If this sheet did not answer your questions, be sure to check out the Second Grade ABCs on my website under the CLASSROOM INFORMATION page. I want you to be aware of what is going on in our classroom. If you ever have any concerns or questions through the year, please feel free to contact me. My goal is for your child to have a happy and successful year in 2nd grade.****

Respectfully,
Danielle Jett