

# The ABC's of Ms. Weber's Classroom

**A Attendance**– It is so important for your child to be at school on time every day! It really helps start the day in a positive way! You must send in a signed note to the teacher within 3 days of the absence in order to excuse a child's absence. Students who are not in the classroom by 7:40 will be counted tardy. Students who arrive after or leave before 11:15 (half day mark) will be considered absent that day.

**B Birthdays**– If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, you can choose to bring a **small** store-bought treat for the class during lunch (examples: two-bite cupcakes or ice cream cups from Chef Reggie). **Treats must be peanut and tree nut free** due to class allergies. We will have a special celebration at the end of the year for summer birthdays. Lunch time is 12:05–12:35.

**C Communication**– Good communication between home and school is important to your child's academic success. We have several ways we can communicate. Feel free to email me at [weberj@fultonschools.org](mailto:weberj@fultonschools.org) with any questions or concerns. Please allow 1–2 days for my response since I am teaching children all day ☺! You can also check for updates on my school website [www.weber2nd.weebly.com](http://www.weber2nd.weebly.com).

**D Daily Folders**– This GREEN folder is where you will find and keep your child's weekly homework. It may also occasionally include time-sensitive papers or additional work for your child to practice at home.

**Differentiation**– It is my philosophy that every child is unique and learns in different ways. Each child needs to be challenged at their own level. I differentiate my lessons to fit the needs of each of my students. Groups change frequently, as students' understanding changes and develops. It is important to know that your child may have different work than another child, but rest assured that everyone is being challenged and is learning second grade standards in the best way for him/her.

**E Emergency Information**– It is incredibly important that the school has correct and up-to-date phone numbers for you! If there is an emergency, we need to be able to contact you, so please let me or the front office know if your address or phone number changes during the school year.

**F Field Trips**– We will be planning one field trip this year, which are both fun and educational for your child. Our field trip will be held sometime in the spring.

**G Grades**– Your child will begin receiving letter grades as well as standards-based comments on their report cards each 9 weeks. **A= 90–100 B=80–89 C=70–79 F= below 70.**

**H Homework**– I will be sending home a weekly homework assignment every Monday. This assignment will give the students the flexibility to do one assignment a night or several in one night. Once your child is done with their homework, remind them to return it to their daily folder. All homework will be kept in their homework folder and not turned in until Friday morning.

**I International Baccalaureate**– Our school is working on our IB certification this year! We are teaching in ways to help students become global learners. As we dive into our units, you may hear a lot of IB words and phrases from your child. Feel free to ask me or our IB Coordinator about any questions you have.

**J Jackets**– Jackets and other personal belongings tend to get misplaced. Please label your child's jackets, lunchbox, water bottle, and backpack to ensure they are not lost!

**K** Kindness– An important part of a successful classroom is that all students treat one another with kindness. I expect all students to be kind in their words and actions. We want to be “bucket fillers” not “bucket dippers”!

**L** Lunch– Lunch is 12:05–12:35 this year. Please clearly label all lunch boxes/paper bags with your child's first and last name. If your child is buying lunch, please be sure to pay online or place the money in an envelope or ziploc bag with your child's name and ID number on it. Students can drop off their money in the front office on the way to our classroom.

**M** Math– Georgia Math Standards of Excellence is designed to challenge students to go beyond just memorizing facts and algorithms. Students must be able to explain their thinking in a logical way. This will be a major goal for our students this year. They must be able to explain how and why they solved a problem. In class, math instruction includes whole group lessons, small group lessons, and station activities that meet each child's ability.

**N** Newsletters– You will find a grade level newsletter on my Weebly each month. These newsletters describe fun learning experiences from the previous month as well as list the standards covered in the following month so you are always in the loop.

**O** Organization– Set up a special spot in your house for your child to do their homework and a special place to keep their school things. Try to have a scheduled time for daily homework and reading with your child. Organization at home helps students stay organized at school!

**P** P.E.– On **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, please make sure your child comes to school wearing sneakers and comfortable clothing he/she can move in. There will not be time to change before specials.

**Q** Quality Work– You will hear this term a lot this year. Students will be expected to write in complete sentences, use correct capitalization, and create meaningful work that they can be proud of.

**R** Reading– We will be doing a lot of reading in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It is recommended that students at this age read for 20 minutes every night. I encourage you to share your love for reading by reading with and to your child at home! Reading instruction includes whole group mini-lessons, small group guided reading and strategy groups, and independent and buddy reading.

Responsibility– This year students are taking on more responsibility! Please help your child be responsible and have ownership of their own learning. This is a big part of being a big second grader! We are promoting independence and creating problem solvers! Students are also learning to be responsible for bringing their green folders, snack, and lunchboxes/water bottles each day as well as homework on Fridays. Help us by supporting this effort at home too!

**S** Snacks– Please supply your child with one healthy snack each day. We will have snack time around 9:25 between math and writing.

Seesaw– Seesaw is a digital portfolio app that allows students to document their learning and upload work samples into one place. Parents can view and comment all of their child's work throughout the year.

**T** Transportation– How your child goes home is very important. If your child needs to go home a different way than normal, you must turn in a change of dismissal form to the teacher or front office prior to lunch that day. Emails will not count. I cannot always check email before dismissal. You can get this form through the front office or Eagle Alliance website.

Thursday Folders– Your child will have BLUE weekly folders sent home on Thursdays in addition to their daily folder. These folders will hold completed classroom for you to keep at home as well as school-wide information. Any papers that need to be signed and returned go in the return to school section of the folder.

**U** URLs– There are a LOT of websites for you and your child to keep up with. Here are a few of the major ones.

- [www.weber2nd.weebly.com](http://www.weber2nd.weebly.com) (Ms. Weber's Weebly)
- <https://mswebers201820192ndgrade.class.shutterfly.com/> (Class Shutterfly)
- [hfeaglealliance.org](http://hfeaglealliance.org)
- <https://guest.portaportal.com/brisse> (Great grade level resources for all subjects😊)
- <https://launchpad.classlink.com/fcs> (FCS Launchpad)

**V** Volunteers– There will be several opportunities to volunteer this year. Because we are promoting independence and responsibility in second grade, there will not be a need for daily volunteers. There will be opportunities for mystery readers, copy clerks, chaperones, party planners, science helpers, and help with special class projects. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom or anywhere else in the school, you must have an up-to-date volunteer form through Fulton County. You can follow this link for more information.

<http://school.fultonschools.org/es/heardsferry/Pages/Volunteer-Information.aspx>

**W** Water Bottles– All students are allowed to keep a bottle of water in the classroom during the school day. However, they may not have any other type of beverage in the classroom. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to recess and PE.

**X** X-tra Special– Second graders are extra special and grow up so much during this time. I cannot wait to help your child grow and learn this year!

**Y** Your Support– Your support is so important to your child's success in school! If you have any questions or concerns about anything in our classroom, please contact me. I am here to help your child be successful!

**Z** Zzzzzzz– Be sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night so that he or she is prepared to do his or her best in class!

**I can't wait to have a fantastic year with your child!**

Ms. Weber