



Team Terry

Welcome

Welcome to second grade! I look forward to getting to know you. This year will be a fantastic one, filled with challenging and rewarding times.



Friday Folder

This folder will be sent home every Friday with completed work. Please look over the work and return it the following Monday. Feel free to add comments for your child or me. Praise their achievements, and help them in those areas where they could use it. A parent's interest and encouragement does wonders for building self-esteem and confidence.

Newsletter

Thursday or Friday we will post a newsletter about the upcoming week on our school's website. Print a copy so you can keep important dates and information handy. Send me a note if you do not have access to a computer.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

-William
Butler Yeats

Homework

Your child is responsible for seeing that their homework gets done **neatly** and is turned in the next day. Students must keep all current work in their homework folder. Please do not remove any work from this folder without first asking your child. Some papers may not have been checked yet. This folder should be taken home every night.

They will often have homework in math. It will be a skill I have taught in class so it is very important that you first let them complete the work on their own. Then check the work and help them with the skill if you see they don't understand the concept. I am depending on you to check their work. We want to fix any misconceptions early since math skills often build from day to day.

Establish a routine by setting aside about 30 minutes every night for homework. If there is no assigned work, use this time for reading books, reviewing or reading from their science or social studies book, or practicing math. Together we can help your child develop some responsible habits when it comes to homework.

Spelling

Each week's spelling words can be found in your child's spelling book or at <http://www.spellingcity.com/teamterry/>. Help your child study by sounding out the words. Memorizing is not an effective way to build good spelling skills. Each test includes all the basic and review words. We will also add 2 more words each week that either ones that use the same spelling patterns of the basic words or are sight words. The spelling grade on the report card will reflect both the results of their weekly tests & their use of correct spelling in their daily work.



Math

By now your child should hopefully know their basic addition and subtraction facts through 20 automatically. If they are still struggling with getting the answers, please have your child review them often. Even when homework is not assigned in math, it is a good idea to continue to work at home to reinforce your child's skills.

Reading

Please set aside time to read everyday (20-30 minutes is best). As the saying goes, "Practice Makes Perfect!"



Transportation

Please send me a note if your child will not be taking their usual route home on a particular day. This includes not only buses, but if your child will go home with someone other than yourself. I cannot let children change their usual mode of transportation unless you send me a note or call the office. I will NOT accept verbal messages from the child.

"Tell me & I forget.
Teach me and I
remember. Involve me
and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin

Accelerated Reading

Encourage your child to select books that they can read independently or with you. Accelerated Reader is a great program for you to monitor if your child is comprehending the books they read. Look for information to come home with your child in the fall about this program.

Stoplight Behavior Chart

My class uses a stoplight system. Students are assigned a numbered tag. They begin each day with their tag color on green. When students are not making good choices or breaking the rules, the student or I will pull their numbered tag. Each time a student pulls his or her tag, a new color will appear. For each different color, various consequences will happen, such as being verbally warned or meeting with administration. Depending on the severity of the situation, an administrator may be called to intervene at any time.

Snack

Please send in a healthy snack such as fruit, cut veggies, pretzels, or Teddy Grahams. Do not send chips, sweets, or greasy snacks. Remember to watch that snacks are nut free.



**"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss it you will
land among the stars."
-Les (Lester Louis) Brown**

Water Bottle

Students may bring a water bottle to school. Please don't freeze it, as the condensation is bothersome. To prevent accidents, keep the water bottle separate from the backpack.

Lockers

Lockers are provided to hold items such as coats, backpacks, and gym shoes. A couple decorations may be put inside the locker, but I do not want anything sticky placed on them, which makes removal difficult. Backpacks must also fit inside their locker.

Star of the Week

In the yellow beginning of the year folder you will find the schedule & the Star of the Week poster. Please hold onto this poster. It is due to school on the date listed on the schedule. I do not have any extra copies of the poster, so it's probably a good idea to make a rough draft first.

When your child is Star of the Week, they may bring in a small, inexpensive trinket (no food) for their classmates to take home. Please look at the schedule for trinket ideas.

Finally...

We are partners in educating your child. We need each other to make your child's year successful. When you have a concern, please let me know. You can call my voicemail at (586)731-0135 ext. 296 or email me at mterry@stlawrenceparish.com. Email is the quickest way to get ahold of me. If you would like to meet in person, I can usually make arrangements before school.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to getting to know my students and their parents. I'm sure that with your prayers and support this school year will be a great success.

Sincerely,
Miss Marissa Terry

