

2nd Grade
Parent & Student Handbook



This year will be an awesome adventure!

Miss Adams
2021-2022

WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 2nd Grade, and welcome to our year of adventure! I hope that you and your child are as thrilled about the upcoming school year as I am. In the next few weeks, you and your second grader will be receiving a lot of information from me and from FCS. If at any point, you have questions, please email me at joannaadams2122@gmail.com, leave me a message at the FCS Office, or text me directly.

This is my first year at FCS and I am so excited to start the year with this amazing team. FCS is such a unique and special school, filled with wonderful students, teachers and parents! We welcome all new families to FCS and pray that our school will just be a beautiful blessing to your family. I also welcome you to embrace our little classroom family! A great way of doing that is by developing relationships with our awesome room mom and parents.

Our schedule and format may be different than any other school you've attended. One key to our success is parental involvement. Our amazing parents typically help with many functions like Room Moms, Library Helpers, PE Coaches, Field Trip Chaperones, PTO, Fundraisers, and much more. We could not function without all of you! This year is going to be a year of growth for each person, but I have so much peace knowing God has ordained each step we'll make this school year! None of it will catch Him by surprise. Thank you for volunteering your time, support, and talents in whatever capacity that will be. I am beyond excited to partner with you all this year.

Love in Christ,

Miss Adams



COMMUNICATION

A successful student/parent/teacher relationship must include effective communication. Here's what you can expect from me:

- Weekly newsletter in student folder
- Regular emails regarding current classroom activities and due dates
- Notes from me in student folder
- Phone calls from me to parents, and/or parent/teacher conferences for academic or behavioral issues if needed

Along with that, your communication with me is equally important! Let me know if your child is struggling with an issue at home or having any difficulties that may influence his/her time at school. Our cohesive teamwork will help ensure your precious child's success! :)

ROOM MOM

Our Room Mom is a huge blessing to our beehive. They will be coordinating our parent volunteer list for PE Fridays, Field Trip Chaperones, and Class Parties. Most of the communication from her will be via email so be sure to check your email regularly! *Subject to change*

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

In our classroom, we have three basic rules and they're very easy to remember:

Be Ready (to listen and to learn),

Be Kind (treat others the way you want to be treated)

Be Responsible (make good choices).

We will review and enforce the rules all throughout the year.

Even with effective communication and knowledge of the rules, sometimes students have an off day. Here is how we handle any behavioral difficulties:

In second grade this year we are going to be earning tickets to go on our adventures all around the United States. Students will have the opportunity to earn tickets for completion of great work, correct answers in games certain games throughout the week, and Christ-like behavior towards teachers and classmates. Students will earn tickets individually or in groups such as row. Tickets earned individually will be saved towards the student's choice of a prize, and a number of tickets earned by rows will be pulled for an award at the end of the week. Students will be able to work together as a class while also being noticed individually.

SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIORAL UPDATE

At FCS, our goal is to help raise responsible, respectful students who desire to live according to God's Word. Our behavior policy is designed to accomplish just that. Teachers will ask student to follow class rules but after 2 corrections, if a student doesn't change their behavior they will be removed to the hallway to discuss the needed redirection. Parents will be notified. If behavior doesn't change and remain consistent, the student will be sent home. If a student is sent home 3 times in a school year they will no longer be able to be a student at FCS. Our desire is to create a positive learning environment for all our students.

PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS

Additional communication tools are Progress Reports and Report Cards. You will receive 4 Progress Reports and 4 Report Cards during 2nd grade. They will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and returned for their file by the date indicated in the Weekly Newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns after getting a Progress Report or Report Card, please send a note to me in your child's folder, send an email, or call the office to schedule a conference with me.

GRADING SYSTEM

FCS Grading Policy: 100-90A/89-80B/79-70C/69-60D/59-0 F

Bible		Reading	
Classwork/Participation	20%	ReadnQuiz	20%
Attendance	20%	Book Reports	20%
Family Bible Activity	25%	Classwork/Quizzes	20%
Memory Verses	35%	Homework	10%
		Tests	30%
Science/History		Math	
Classwork/Homework	15%	Classwork	20%
Quizzes	35%	Homework	20%
Tests	50%	Tests	60%
Spelling		Phonics	
Classwork	30%	Classwork	25%
Homework	20%	Homework/Participation	25%
Tests	50%	Tests	50%

GRADING & TESTS

Math, Phonics and Spelling are graded weekly. Each week's test schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday - Phonics**
- **Wednesday- Spelling**
- **Thursday- Math**

Parents will be given notice prior to tests and project due dates in other subjects in our weekly newsletter. **Language** tests will be given when we complete our units, approximately every two weeks. **Science** and **Social Studies** grades will come from unit projects and tests. **Reading** grades will be based on fluency, comprehension, and use of strategies for reading unfamiliar words. ReadnQuiz will also be a part of Reading grades. ReadnQuiz due dates are in the student folder.

CLASSROOM/HOMEWORK ROUTINES

Just as with routine bedtimes, meals and household chores, children like and even NEED a routine! It's the same in our classroom. Here are some of our routines:

Homework (HW): Beginning the 1st week of school, a HW packet and checklist will go home every Thursday. The HW will be due the following week, and should be turned into the HW drawers. The HW will be graded and returned in the weekly folder each week. Some HW may require a parent signature. More specific instructions will be included on the HW Checklist.

ATTENDANCE

I will take daily attendance. A student is considered tardy if they are not in their seat by the time The National Anthem FINISHES playing over the radio. This will be at 8:00 am on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, on Wednesday & Friday at 10:00. The classroom will be open for students to arrive 15 minutes before the start of each day. Having your child arrive early will allow him/her time to take care of their backpack, folders, sharpen pencils and visit the bathroom.

BIBLE

Our school-wide Bible curriculum includes monthly memory verses (included in welcome folder) and a Monthly Family Bible Activity.

Information will be sent home in the HW Packet. A routine for practicing the verses at home or in the car will help supplement our study at school!

READNQUIZ

Beginning in August, each student will be provided a login and a password for ReadnQuiz (bit.ly/readfcs). Each student needs to read and successfully pass quizzes on 18 books **PER** 9 weeks. Students will need to **PASS** 9 quizzes for each Progress Report period. A passing score is a 70% or better: this will be part of their reading grade! Please make sure that your child is testing independently. I will be sending reminders in the weekly folders before Progress Reports and Report Cards. ****Students may not read/quiz ahead. 18 books PER 9 weeks.**

After the requirement, they of course can read for enjoyment. We want to encourage awesome reading **THROUGHOUT** the school year!

BOOK REPORTS

As we progress through the year, please encourage your child to complete more of the planning, writing and revising on their own! In 2nd Grade, there will be a total of 4 book reports, one per quarter.

Instructions and a Grading Rubric will go home with HW Packet and Checklist. A minimum of 2 weeks will be given for the student to complete and return.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you would like to make an appointment for a conference, I can arrange my schedule to meet with you. Please feel free to bring any of your questions or concerns about your child and their 2nd grade experience. Mrs. Schneberger or a lead teacher will also sit in on the conferences, as standard procedure at FCS.

BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays at FCS. If you would like to send in a treat please let me know in advanced (1-2 days) to plan accordingly. We will hand out the Birthday treats during snack time. *Subject to change*

DRESS CODE

Please follow the official FCS Dress Code exactly as listed in the FCS Handbook. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me! Occasionally, your child will be given a Casual Day Pass for different rewards. Casual Day cards can be used on Wednesdays.

CLASS PARTIES

We will have the following class parties this year:

Thanksgiving

Christmas

Valentine's **Valentine's party will be hosted by me as a gift of love back to all of the Party Parents!*

Easter

End of Year

The parties are planned by "**Party Parents**" via the class volunteer list. Our awesome Room Mom will coordinate the party parents and get the party money from Mr. Schneberger. Please make sure child care arrangements are set for siblings during parties. Even though we love little ones, class parties are for the class. *Subject to change*

LOST & FOUND

On a regular basis, student's items are left behind, in the classroom, playground or just on the ground! Any found items are placed in the office in the Lost and Found Bin.

ALLERGIES & MEDICATIONS

Medications: All medication needs to be administered by parents.

Allergies: If your child has any allergies, please let me know ASAP! Please send a detailed list of foods or environments your child should avoid. In addition, discuss with your child their allergy so they are well informed and know what they are and are not to do. Situations may arise at school or on field trips, so we want to make sure that we are well prepared! :)

START AND END OF DAY PROCEDURES

DROP OFF: For your child's safety and the safety of others, as well as for your convenience, please drop off your child in the car loop. Please do not pull out of line after your child is dropped off/picked up unless you're first in line. Using the teacher lot to drop off your child is also dangerous! Please use the car line for drop off and pick up. A patrol(s) and teacher will be there to greet you and your child. Classrooms will be open at 7:45AM on Mon, Tues and Thurs, and at 9:45AM on Wed and Fri. Early care is available in the Rice Building on Wed and Fri starting at 8:00AM. Pick up is at 1:00PM every day. *Subject to change*

TARDY: If your child is tardy, please walk them to the office and sign them in. *Subject to change*

GOING HOME SICK, GOING HOME WITH A FRIEND, OR APPOINTMENTS

**** please adhere to COVID guidelines until it is deemed safe to refer to these****

SICK: If your child is ill, the office will call you to come and pick up your sick child. **Please do not send your child to school with a fever.** We want your child to feel better and return to school when they are fever free.

FRIEND: Please send a signed note in with your child or call the school office if they are going home with someone other than a parent. Send the note in with your child to give to me upon arrival. If no note is sent, we will not be able to send your child home with anyone else.

APPOINTMENTS: if you need to schedule appointments during the school day, please let me know at your earliest convenience. I will send any missed work home at that time. Visit the office to sign your child out before coming to the classroom.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent I will place his/her work on their desk. If you or a sibling would like to pick it up at the **end** of the school day, you may. It will be ready each day at dismissal. Please note, excessive absences will result in conferences and possible retention.

Miss Adams's CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: joannaadams2122@gmail.com

Miss Adams: (321) 946-9219

School Office: (407) 710-2890

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday (1:30-2:30PM)

Appointment Scheduling:

To schedule an appointment or a conference with me, you have three options!

1) Email me.

2) Call the office and leave a message. (407) 710-2890

3) Stop by classroom during office hours to **schedule** a meeting