

OPEN HOUSE: August 25, 2020

Parents and children are invited to visit 2nd grade to meet the teachers and assistants. The times are listed below. Children do not need to wear their uniforms. Parents will sign up for a virtual conference on this day.

Times:	Last name begins with:
8:00-9:00	A-F
9:00-10:00	G-K
10:00-11:00	L-Q
11:00-12:00	R-Z

Arrival and Dismissal

The school day begins at 8:00 am. This year all children will enter through the PS main entrance to walk through the “fever cam”. **Please remain in your car.** If your child needs help, an adult will be available to assist them. NO adults are allowed in the building.

Children will be dismissed at 3:00. 2nd graders are picked up from the PreK porch in the PS circle drive. **Please be patient and remain in your car.**

The Second Grade Program

Holland Hall's second grade provides a challenging, age-appropriate curriculum that integrates language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, creative arts, and physical education. A nurturing and supportive environment encourages independence, responsibility, problem solving, and cooperative social skills. Second grade promotes a multi-cultural awareness that supports a diverse community. Children are given opportunities to grow toward their maximum potential using their own learning styles.

The central components of our Second Grade program are:

Study Plan: By Sunday, families will be able to access the study plan for the following week on Power School Learning. Included in the study plan are the calendar, spelling words, vocabulary, books, homework information, and special interest items.

Please check Power School Learning frequently!

Homework: 2nd grade homework is designed to develop responsibility and create a positive bridge between home and school. Each evening your child will bring home his/her homework binder filled with sheets with reading and math. He/she should **only** do one sheet daily. Your child should also be reading each evening for at LEAST 15 minutes. This homework should not consume your evenings.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Second grade uses a balanced literacy program. This approach uses language arts instruction through a variety of reading strategies: phonics, word recognition, reading comprehension (retelling), making predications, locating details in text, using context clues for meaning, and recognizing cause and effect relationships.

Second grade reading workshop is comprised of student's reading "just right" books for a duration of time that grows throughout the year. Balanced literacy also includes word study, interactive read-aloud, shared reading and writing workshops.

Students use the writing process in Writing Workshop, focusing on teaching students how to write effectively. Second graders concentrate on specific skills within the 5 steps of the writing process: gathering ideas, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing.

MATHEMATICS: Mathematics instruction in second grade is conceptually oriented which provides the basis for skill acquisition. The students are actively involved in doing mathematics with extensive use of manipulatives rather than just "knowing" arithmetic facts. The math curriculum provides activities for children to value mathematics, become confident in their math ability, communicate mathematically, become mathematical problem solvers, and learn to reason mathematically. Our curriculum is based upon the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards. Math concepts are introduced through a variety of methods that include games, activities with manipulative exploration, data collection, whole group, small group, and individual instruction.

SCIENCE: Second grade science curriculum focuses on the elements of the scientific method including hypothesizing, data collections and observation, experimenting, analyzing, and concluding. Through our units of study about bats, spiders, Alaska (weather and animals), and inventions and inventors the students will be encouraged to communicate detailed scientific observations both orally and in written form.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Using thematic teaching and an integrated learning approach, children draw on previous knowledge and learn through classroom experiences. The unit studies are as follows: All About Me, Spiders, The Fair, Bats, Pilgrims, Fairy Tales, Alaska, and Inventions. Active student involvement includes community visitors, field trips, research projects, and culminating activities. Fairy tales, legends, historical stories, and biographies help develop children's understanding of times past and people long ago.

Messages: If you need to get in touch with your child's teacher, please call 481-1111 ext. 270. Emailing is another great way to keep in contact with your child's teacher.

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Lunch: 2nd graders will eat from **12:25 p.m.** until 12:55 p.m.

Option 1: Children will bring their own lunch and drink from home. Reminder, your child must be able to manage their lunch independently, including peeled or sliced fruit. Second graders will not be using the microwave.

Options 2: You may purchase a cold, boxed lunch available from FLIK. Please check the HH website for more information.

In compliance with HH visitor policy, parents will not be able to dine with their student or deliver a fast food lunch.

Water: There will be NO drinking water from the fountains at HH this year, however, children may refill their bottles from our NEW filtered water fountain. Children must bring their own water bottle each day.

Please label the bottle prominently.

ONLY filled with water

We prefer sweatless water bottles.

Snacks: Each child should bring his/her own snack to school with them each morning. Snacks could be fruits, chips, crackers or any other **finger foods**. Your child's snack must a food that he/she can manage independently.

Please make sure your child brings a snack each day to get them through the morning.

Birthdays: We would enjoy celebrating your child's birthday or half birthday at school. Birthday snacks **MUST** be individually wrapped, prepackaged items. Please notify your child's teacher to make birthday snack arrangements. This year per HH visitor policy no parents are allowed to attend birthday celebrations. We have snacks at 9:30 a.m.

Reminders:

***Dutch Day is every Friday. Children may wear Dutch wear on Dutch Day.

***Please **LABEL** clothing, lunch boxes and backpacks.

*****Toys may NOT be brought to school.**

Specials: 11:05 – 12:25