

# Back to School Night

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Important News

### Mrs. Toevs' Class



#### **Homework:**

**Reading:** Students in second grade will be reading 20 minutes Monday-Thursday. Please initial in the box on the weekly Homework Log to show your child read.

**Math:** Beaverton students will also be doing Dream Box for math practice 3 times a week. Each session should be 20 minutes. If your evenings are busy, I'm ok with students doing Dream Box on weekends. It is not recommended that students do less than 20 minutes in a session, so that they get adequate practice time.

**Homework Folder:** The homework folder should go home every night and return to school every day. Even if there is no homework, we still need the folder as a communication tool for forms, notes, and student work. Things on the HOME side should be taken out and kept at home. Things on the SCHOOL side should return to school. The Homework Log should always stay in the folder in case we need to make changes to it or write reminders.

#### **Volunteering:**

Please read my volunteer form carefully if you are interested in volunteering this year. Our volunteer coordinator is \_\_\_\_\_. The contact information is :\_\_\_\_\_ She/He will make a volunteer calendar and give it to you each month. If you are unable to come to your scheduled volunteer time, please e-mail me so that I can modify my plans.



The school district requires that you clear a background check BEFORE working with students. This includes chaperoning on field trips and helping with a classroom party. The background check is good for two years. You can find this form on the district web site.

## Teacher Website:

<http://kristatoevs.weebly.com> is the link to my teacher website, but you can find it by going to the Jacob Wismer website. My website has classroom information, the daily schedule, specials rotation, and more. Regular classroom information will be communicated through e-mail and on the weekly Homework Log Classroom News.



## Lunch:

Unfortunately, parents are not allowed to eat lunch with their children in the cafeteria. I'm sorry for this inconvenience. The school is doing its best to always protect your children, so we are limiting and monitoring the adults that enter our school and have contact with students.

If your child forgot to bring their school lunch, you can drop their lunch box off on the book shelf by the office. Please attach a note with your child's first and last name, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Toevs to ensure your child gets it. A staff person will pick up all late lunches before the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade lunch and deliver them to students. If the lunch is not on the shelf in time, your child will be able to get a school lunch.

## Attendance:

Students must be in the classroom by 8:30 or they will be marked tardy. If your child will be absent, please call the 24-hour attendance line at 503-356-2151. It is also helpful if you are able to e-mail me because the office doesn't inform the teacher of known absences.

## Dismissal Plan:

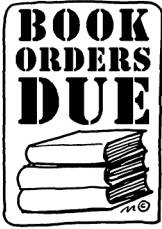
We send students home according to the gold dismissal sheets that you have turned in. Teachers need a written note if there is a change for that day. If there is a change in dismissal during the day, please call the office at 503-356-2150. They will notify us of the change. If you send me an e-mail during the day with a dismissal change, I may not see it because I will be teaching students. I might also have a substitute that day. If your child is going home with a friend on a bus, the note should include your child's name, the other student's name, the bus number, the date, and your signature. If you verbally tell students a change of their dismissal, teachers must still follow the gold form unless students have a parent note.



## Classroom Donations:

- Band-Aids and Treasure Box goodies
- Donation to help me with photo developing for our Memory Books

## Book Orders:



When families purchase books, the teacher earns Bonus Points. That means I get to pick out “free” books to add to our classroom library! I will send some Scholastic book magazines home. The first book will come home sometime in September.

## Mrs. Toevs’ TOP TEN Classroom Goals:

1. Children feel loved, important, and safe in my classroom.
2. Lessons and materials are differentiated for students’ interests and abilities.
3. Students will learn to be organized (clean desk, papers in correct folders, etc.).
4. Students will learn to take responsibility for themselves (returning homework folder, forms, getting a parent signature, etc.).
5. Students will LOVE reading and make a full year’s growth.
6. Students will learn to set goals and work towards them.
7. **Students will treat others with respect and they will learn to tolerate differences.**
8. Students will learn to cooperate in groups and include others.
9. Students will participate and I will not allow students to “opt out” of answering a question.
- 10 Shy students will learn to have a voice.

## Classroom Behavior:

☺ Positive Individual: Students earn Toevs Tokens for responsible, safe, and respectful behaviors. Students save, budget, and spend them on something special of their choice.

☺ Positive Classroom: Students work together to earn 50 Thermometer marks. When this goal is reached, they earn Extreme Free Choice!

☹ Unwanted Behaviors: I have zero tolerance for put-downs, hurting others, and not showing respect to students, teachers/staff, substitutes, and parent volunteers! I will take the following steps with students to help them correct their own behavior:

1. Learning: Remind them of my expectations and our school rules.
2. Needing more support: Have some quiet think time in the pod or spend a few minutes with me at recess to discuss the problem. Sometimes, I may need to help the student make a plan to get back on track. This plan will come home to be signed by you.

3. Escalated behavior: Contact parents and the guidance counselor or administration.

**The underlining goal is to help all students feel safe at school!** The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers use a lot of great books to help students learn about empathy, personal space, diversity, perseverance, kindness, and problem-solving (like putting yourself in the other person's position). We also work as partners with our guidance counselor, who comes to our classrooms each month and teaches a different theme.

### **Communication:**

I have two children that I adore. I understand that your children are your prized possessions. I dearly love being a teacher and having the honor to spend time with children every day. If you ever feel that I have done something that has upset or confused you (or your child), please feel free to contact me. I want to have positive relationships with my students and their families, so I feel that open communication is important. It's all right to talk to me even if it is uncomfortable for you or if you are worried it will hurt my feelings. My goal is to make this year a positive experience for your child! Of course you are always welcome to send positive comments, general questions, or other inquiries as well. ☺

### **Recess:**

Students are expected to bring a jacket to recess when the weather is cool or rainy. If a child is well enough to come to school, they will most likely be sent out for recess. They can certainly sit and hang out with friends without having to run around and play. If a doctor feels the student is well enough to go to school, but for some reason should not be outside, you will need a note.



### **Mrs. Toevs' Class Schedule**

8:30-8:50 Book shopping & Brain boost  
8:50-9:45 Reader's Workshop  
9:45-10:00 Recess  
10:00-10:35 Word Study  
10:35-10:50 Interactive Read Aloud  
10:50-11:05 Recess  
**11:05-11:30 Lunch**  
11:30-12:50 Math Workshop & Brain Boost  
12:50- 1:35 Specials (Library ends 1:50)  
1:35-2:30 Writer's Workshop & **Snack**  
2:30-3:00 Science, Social Studies & Health  
3:00 Clean up and pack up  
3:05 Dismissal

Wednesday Dismissal 1:35

### **Specials Schedule:**

We are on a 5-day rotation schedule. You can find our daily specials on the weekly Homework Log. You can also view the monthly specials on my website. Wednesday does NOT follow the 5-day rotation. Students are expected to wear athletic shoes on PE days. When students have PE in the portable, they are encouraged to bring a water bottle.

A: Music-Shuck  
B: PE-Arnold  
C: Music-Belgique  
D: PE-VV  
E: Tech/Library-60 min.



