

# Welcome to Miss Tanner's Class!

Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! I am very excited about this school year. I am looking forward to helping your child learn and grow academically and socially. Enclosed are the policies and procedures used in my second grade classroom.

## Curriculum

**Reading.** We will be using the Wonders Reading Program. We will also be doing DYAD reading in class and DIBELS benchmark testing and progress monitoring. Students will use Lexia Core 5—an online reading program that will be done in class. Students can also use this program at home (see class website) and login information will be sent home with each student.

**Math.** We use the GO Math program. Please help your child memorize addition and subtraction facts at home throughout the year.

**Science and Social Studies.** I will be following the Utah State Core Curriculum which includes some of the following subjects: rocks, life cycles, relationships with family, friends, and community, American symbols, and geography (continents, oceans, land forms). These subjects are taught explicitly taught, as well as being integrated into other subject areas.

**PE.** We have PE every Monday morning. Please make sure your child dresses appropriately.

**Art.** Ms. Sabrina will work with our students on 3 art projects. Art is also integrated into our entire curriculum throughout the year.

**Music.** We have music every Monday morning, following PE.

**Library.** We have library every Tuesday morning. Students can check out 2 books—one can be taken home and one needs to stay in their desks. Please make sure your student remembers to bring his or her books back to school each Tuesday to either renew or return.

**Dance.** Tanner Dance will begin third semester and will be on Wednesday mornings.

## Homework

I will not send home homework, except for 4 book reports during the year. The following are activities I suggest doing at home that will support what your child is learning in class:

- Please read with your student **20 minutes** each night!
- Practice addition and subtraction math facts through the week.

- At the end of each math unit, students will bring home a review packet before we take the end of unit test. This packet is PRACTICE and does not need to be returned to school.
- We will NOT have traditional weekly spelling tests. Instead, student's knowledge of second grade spelling patterns will be tested during end of unit language arts tests and in writing samples throughout each unit. A spelling list will still be sent home each Friday on the back of the weekly newsletter. This list will include the spelling pattern we are studying that week in class and sample words you can practice at home with your student. Please also visit [www.spellingcity.com/users/emtan10](http://www.spellingcity.com/users/emtan10) as a resource for practicing weekly spelling patterns.

### **Classroom Behavior**

Each student is expected to adhere to the school wide behavior policies, as well as individual classroom rules and expectations. Our biggest behavior goal for this year is for all student to learn and practice respect of self, respect of others, and respect of property.

### **Star Student**

I want to celebrate each student! Please sign up for a week for your child to be star student. I will send home an "All About Me" poster on the Friday before your student's week. Please send your student with the completed poster on the Monday of his or her week. On Friday of your student's week, you are invited to read a story to the class and bring a treat. Many parents choose to sign up for Star Student the week of their student's birthday.

### **Birthdays**

If you choose, you may bring a **store-bought** treat on your child's birthday.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me! I am available through email (you can use the contact tab on the class website to send an email), the remind app, or school phone. Although I check my email each day, I may not be able to check it before school begins or during the school day. So please be patient and expect a reply after the end of the school day. If you call and leave a message I will return your call as soon as I am able.

Please also visit our class website at [misstanners.weebly.com](http://misstanners.weebly.com). You will find information you need for our class, including newsletters, spelling lists, supply list, star student schedule, and more!