

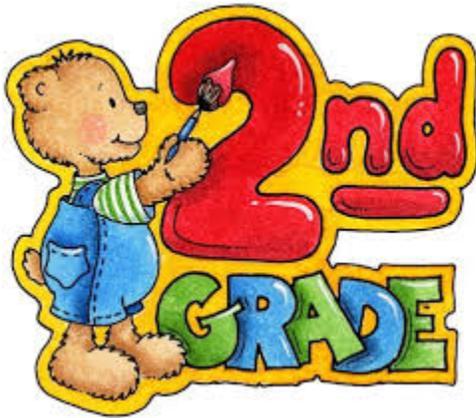


Abiding Word Lutheran School

2nd Grade Classroom Handbook
2020-2021

Mrs. Amber Hildebrandt

"Train up a Child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2nd grade!!! I am so excited to meet you and your child this year. Here is my classroom handbook to guide you through the year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns for the school year.

I can not wait to welcome your child into my classroom this year!

School Mission

Abiding Word Lutheran School exists to make disciples for the Lord's kingdom by providing a Christ-centered education that challenges and prepares students for lives of Christian service.

2019-2020-School Theme:

Our school theme this year will be from Isaiah 40:31, **"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."**

It is a privilege to welcome in Jesus' little lambs every day and teach them about his amazing Gospel. Christ's love and word will be the foundation for every school day as we nurture our students' mind and soul.



Teaching Goals

Parents, thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your children! I'm looking forward to getting to know each and every one of my students. As an educator I believe that all students have been given talents by God to help them succeed. In my classroom I will strive to meet all of my students' needs with love and patience. I will work to have all students reach their highest potential, and will always cheer them on. I firmly believe in building relationships of respect with my students to ensure a loving environment. Most importantly, I will try to make sure that all of my students know their Savior's love for them.

Attendance

Coming to school every day is important during the school year. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. The doors will open at 7:45. If your child will be missing school, please let me know by sending a note, calling the front office, or emailing me. Your student will have the number of days absent plus one additional day to turn in missed work.



Singing in Church

At Abiding Word we love to sing God's praises. We make it a priority to have a music class and choir lesson each week. At times students are expected to sing for church services. You will be notified by email, paw prints or on the school website for any upcoming events. If your child will be absent for a church performance please let me know ahead of time so it will not affect their grade. Feel free to contact me via phone, email, or a note with a parent signature.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child is dressed their best for school every day. Students should wear comfortable shoes for outdoor play. For safety, flip-flops and open toed shoes are not permitted. Girls must also wear dress code length clothing as well as shorts under their dresses or skirts please. On Wednesday's there is a special dress code for Chapel. (Please refer to the school handbook for details.) **Please note all girls must wear a dress or skirt over leggings that is 2 inches above the knee.**

Supplies

We would like your students to start the school year off with success! Please purchase all school supplies listed on the 2nd grade school supply list. Children should label all supplies prior to the first day of school. Thank you so much for your help.

Arrival and Departure From School & Tardies

I will be very excited to see my students' shining faces every morning! Students can be dropped off in the carpool line at 7:45. Please do not drop your children off at the doors prior to that time. Our student's safety is extremely important to us.

Students will be ready for pickup at 3:00, please let the front office know or email me if someone other than a parent is picking up your child.



Tardies:

Parents, it is very important for your child to be at school on time. If your child arrives at class past 8:00 a.m. they will be marked tardy. After their fifth tardy they will receive a detention.

Home Folder

Students will take their "Home Folder" home every day. Inside their Home Folder you will find homework assignments, special forms, and a behavior chart. The behavior chart is a great way for you to stay informed of your child's behavior throughout the day. Please have a parent initial their folder every day under the sticker or check mark. Thank you!

Graded Work/ Monday Folder

Students will have all graded work sent home in a folder every Monday. Inside their folders will be a parent signature. This sheet will need to be signed and dated by a parent and returned the following day. This helps me to ensure that parents are aware of their students' work.

Grades will be posted online by the previous Sunday to the start of the school week. You can find them posted on the Sycamore Website. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, I will be happy to help.



Where can I find class information?

Parents, I know with the busy week it can be hard to keep track of calendars, school schedules, memory work, etc. There are a few different places where you can look to find the information needed. The **Paw Prints** is a school newsletter available every Monday. *Paw Prints* is full of information about upcoming school events. It will come via email, (if you need to be set up then please check with the front office). The **2nd Grade Web page** is another great place to look for class documents, our weekly curriculum, test dates, and special memories. The web address is listed below.

<https://sites.google.com/a/awlcs.org/mrshildebrandtsclass/>

I will also send a weekly email every Sunday with information for the coming week!

Snack and Water bottle

Students will have one snack break each day before morning recess. We encourage healthy snacks such as; fruit, granola bars, yogurt, or any snack that will keep their bodies feeling energized. Students are able and encouraged to bring a water bottle to class every day. Please have students label their water bottles.

Scholastic Book Orders

Book orders will be sent home once each month. Scholastic offers a great variety of books for an affordable price. Book orders are not mandatory, but can be a great way to encourage reading. If you wish to order books you can order online at *Scholastic.com*. Books will take two to three weeks to arrive.

Birthdays

Birthdays are very special in our classroom and need to be celebrated! Parents feel free to bring a special treat for your child to share with the class during lunch time. You are also welcome to come spend lunch with your child to celebrate their special day. If your child has a summer, holiday, or spring break birthday then please pick a day when we can celebrate, and don't forget your camera!



Communication

Parents, communication is the key for a successful school year. Together we will make a great team where your child's education will thrive. Let's always keep the lines of communication open. I want to hear from you so please do not hesitate to talk with me about any questions, concerns, or great news about your child.

Phone call or text message hours: 7-8 a.m., 3-6p.m. weekdays only

Email: I will check my email every weekday before 8:00 a.m. and following 3p.m. I will respond from the hours of 3-6 during the school week. Thank you!

****Please understand that your child's success is very important to me however, weekends and evenings are time reserved for my family. I will respond to you as quickly as I can.***

Email: amber.hildebrandt@awlcs.org

School Phone: 281-389-3872

Cell phone: 281-734-2893



“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” Mark 12:3

As Christians our classroom will focus on keeping Christ at the center of everything we do.

Students will be expected to show love toward Jesus and their neighbors everyday. Learning how to respect our classmates and their belongings will be taught and enforced throughout the year.

It is very important that all students understand that we are all sinful and can make mistakes. When students make a bad choice they will be held responsible for their actions. However, our class will also teach the glory of the Gospel and that we are forgiven for our sins.



For classroom management:

I will use a clip chart system along with your child's behavior chart in their Home Folder. Students will receive check marks for the day along with a short note on how your child was struggling if needed. If your child's clip did not move below "Slow Down" then they will receive a sticker for the day. It is very important to have a parent sign your child's behavior chart everyday. If it is not signed then your child will move their clip resulting in loss of recess time.

*Please praise your students' good behavior and speak with them on how they can improve if they had a hard day.

Below is a list of classroom expectations for your student. Please read over our classroom expectations with your child. Thank you!

1. Show love and respect for God.
2. Act respectful towards peers and teachers
3. Be ready, alert, and prepared to learn everyday.
4. Respect other peers and teacher's property.
5. Give Glory and praise to God in all that we do!



Memory Treasures

“Your word is a lamp to my feet, and light on my path” Psalm 119:105

God’s word guides our hearts to do, say, and praise Christ in all that we do. Memory work is an excellent way for students to learn God’s word. This allows them to grow in their faith led by God’s Word. Students will memorize 2 passages from the bible and one hymn each week. They will be expected to recite passages on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Homework

In second grade students will have homework daily. Much of this homework will need to be checked and completed with their parents. It’s a great idea to start off the school year with a good routine right from the beginning. Try finding a nice quiet place to work. Let your child pick the best time of day for them, and make it a priority.

Students will be sent home with a **planner** each day listing homework assignments. I will circle all assignments to be completed at home. I do not require planners to be signed, however it will be very important to check your child’s planner for any assignments.

All homework will be due the following school day by 8 a.m. unless told otherwise. If your child is unable to turn in their homework for a legitimate reason then please write me a note or send an email, otherwise they will receive a late slip. Every five late slips in a quarter will equal a detention.

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Physical Education

Students will have Phy Ed every Tuesday. In the second grade, students will not need to change clothes, but will need to have skid resistant tennis shoes.

Field Trips

The class will take 2 to 3 field trips during the school year. If you are interested in being a parent chaperone or driver then please let me or the front office know. You will need to fill out a parent background check for the year. Thank you very much for your help!



Grades

All grades will be posted on an online website, *Sycamore Education*. If you need to register your child then please contact the front office for more information.

Grades will be posted by the previous Sunday to the next school week. It is always a good idea to make a habit of checking your child's grades regularly. If you have any questions or concerns then please email or call me. I will be happy to clear up any concerns.

Abiding Word Grade Scale

100-99%	A+		
98-96%	A	81-78%	C
95-93%	A-	77-76%	C-
92-91%	B+	75-74%	D+
90-87%	B	73-72%	D
86-85%	B-	71-70%	D-
84-82%	C+	69-0%	F

Closing Thoughts

Parent's, I am overjoyed to have your little lambs in my class this year. I know that by working together and with faith in our Savior, your children will grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Thank you so very much for entrusting them into my care.



