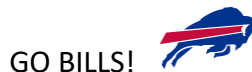




Welcome to room 204! 2nd grade is an exciting time as students begin to take pride in their hard work and become increasingly independent. With this independence, they will have the chance to choose from many flexible seating options in our classroom. We discuss the rules and discover what options they like best throughout the year.

This is my twentieth-year teaching, my sixth year in 2nd grade at Discovery. I have taught almost every grade K-6 but really love teaching 2nd graders. They are so eager to please, willing to try their best and becoming increasingly independent. What a great combination! 😊 I have taught in several schools and can say that Discovery is an incredibly special place that I am so grateful to call my second home. My husband and I live in Orchard Park and have three children; Kellen is in 10th grade (15 years old), Brennan is in 9th grade (14 years old), and Claire is in 3rd grade (8 ½ years old). Every morning before school you can find me in the gym. This gives me the energy I need to keep up with 2nd graders! When I am not attending one of my children's events, I am reading. As an avid reader, I read around 60 books a year and always stress the importance of daily reading to my students. Readers are leaders!

I am really looking forward to this school year; it is going to be a great one!



Mrs. Mary Kathryn Lawrence

The ABC's of Mrs. Lawrence's 2nd Grade Class

Contact Information: I encourage you to contact me any time with questions or concerns. It is best to email me at mklawrence2@buffaloschools.org or call the office at (716) 816-4922 and a message can be left with the secretary. I will do my best to get back to you as soon as I can. Please do not email or DOJO message about dismissal or urgent matters as I sometimes cannot check my email until the end of the day when the children have left.

Pick Up: If you need to pick your child up AND THIS IS NOT A NORMAL ROUTINE, or SOMEONE ELSE IS PICKING THEM UP please send your child to school with a note. I cannot have an email or DOJO message sent to me during the day if you will be making dismissal changes.

Attendance: Each day is an exciting day filled with many new learning opportunities and new concepts in our class. Please help your child gain the best from each day by having him/her in school on time (or earlier if they eat breakfast at school) and in school for the entire day. The doors open at 7:25 and learning starts at 7:50.

Attire: Our classroom is a busy place, and we try to have recess outside as much as possible so please have your child dress for the action. Sneakers are the preferred daily footwear, PLEASE! The children have gym three times a week. Our room tends to be warm, especially in the beginning of the year. In the winter. I try to keep a few windows open to get some fresh air in, so it's a good idea to have your child bring a sweatshirt.

Folder (Daily Take Home/Bring to School): Please be sure to check your child's folder daily for important notices. If you need to send a note or return a form, be sure it is in the folder and that your child knows it is there. Building independence is key and sharing that a note is inside and that you would like your 2nd grader to get it to me will help build this.

Independent Skills: Please practice **zipping, buttoning and shoe tying** at home.

If your child cannot tie yet, Velcro or slip on may be the best option

Water Bottle: I ask that each child bring in a labeled reusable/refillable water bottle each day. We will use this water bottle in class, and they can bring it to lunch if needed. Water bottles should go home daily and be brought back refilled with water only (no favored water please or juice).

Homework: Monday through Friday, students are expected to read 20 minutes a night. Your child can read to you; you can read to your child or a combination of both. Weekend reading is encouraged too! Students will come home with reading passages that we have highlighted and read in class. They should read these passages to someone at home as part of their reading time. If the passage is difficult for them to read, they should read it again the next day to improve fluency. Math homework will be sent home a few days a week as well. It will only be a few questions and shouldn't take long.

Weekly Newsletter: Every Monday, a weekly newsletter will be sent home indicating daily homework and any classroom or school activities or notices. Please sign up in DOJO to receive classroom reminders and messages. An invite will come home if you are not already connected to Mrs. Lawrence's class.

Birthdays: We will celebrate birthdays on each student's special day. If a student has a weekend birthday, we can celebrate the Friday before or on Monday. We will celebrate summer birthdays in June. Students may bring in a store-bought treat such as small cupcakes, cookies, rice crispy treats, fruit snacks, etc. We have 27 students in class. **Please do not send in full size cupcakes, a cake or candles!**

Birthday Invitation: I will ONLY hand out invitation in class if

-**ALL** students in class are invited

-**ALL** boys in class are invited

-**ALL** girls in class are invited

CUT ON THE LINE BELOW and RETURN TO MRS. LAWRENCE

I have read and understand the ABC's of Mrs. Lawrence's Class. I am signed up in DOJO with Mrs. Lawrence's Class.

Parent Name: _____

2nd Graders Name: _____

