



The Ethical Community Charter School ~ Jersey City



WELCOME TO SECOND GRADE AT THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL!!

Dear Families,

Hello! We are your children's new teachers; Ms. Ducore **2D** & Mrs. Rosario **2R**. We are very excited about our new 2nd graders and look forward to getting to know our students and their families. Together we will work on learning more about reading, writing, math, science, social studies, as well as being responsible students who are ready to learn. There is a lot of helpful information here for you to read. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via email at **blair.ducore@teccsjc.org** or **yvette.rosario@teccsjc.org**. You can also call the school and leave a message at 201-984-4151. Please allow 48 hours for us to respond to emails and/or messages. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you in September! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Ducore & Mrs. Rosario

School Hours

8:30 to 3:15 every day. Students should be at school **no earlier than 7:45, as there is no supervision before that time.** From 7:45-8:15 is our early morning program. If your child will be getting to school at that time they should report directly to the school cafeteria. At 8:15 all students will report to the classrooms. If your child arrives at school after 8:30, he/she will be marked late and will need a late pass before going to class. If you need to pick your child up early from school, please go to the office first to sign out your child. They will notify us to send your child to the office. If possible, a note or message informing us of an early pick up will help make sure your child has any letters from the school to take with them.

Attendance

If your child will be **absent**, please send an email to us or call the school at **(201) 984-4151**. You can also send a note with him/her the following day to explain the absence. We expect children to attend each day unless they are sick. **If you need to take your child to the doctor or out for vacation, PLEASE try to schedule these for days or times when we are not in school.** Your child misses a lot of important instruction when he/she is not here every day.

Being Ready To Learn

Children in second grade benefit from **having a regular bedtime** every night. Children who do not get enough sleep have a hard time paying attention in

class and will not have the energy to focus as much as they should. Please try to have your child get at least **8-10 hours of sleep a night**.

Snack

Kindly send in one small, non-perishable, **healthy snack and a small bottle of water or juice box each day**. Being hungry can lead to sluggishness. Not having enough food energy can also cause students to lose focus.

Suggested snacks include a combination of **fruit** (fresh or dried), **vegetables** (such as celery and/or carrot sticks with dipping cups), cheese sticks, hummus, yogurt, and or pudding. **Healthy snacks** help children stay focused during the day, so please do NOT send candy, cookies or potato chips.

Backpacks / G.O. Books

All children need to bring a backpack to school each day so they have a safe way to carry their belongings to and from school. Each child will have G.O. Book this school year. A G.O. Book is a binder, put together by the teacher, that houses EVERYTHING the students and parents need to stay informed about what is going on at school. This binder helps students establish good organizational skills. Make sure that you check your child's G.O. Book every day for important information.

SPECIALS

All students will receive **physical education** (1x week), **art** (1x week), **music** (1x week), **Spanish** (1x week), **technology** (1x week), **ethics** (1x week), **health** (1x week) for 45 min. On days that we have physical education please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate clothes and footwear to participate.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

We will occasionally send home order forms for books that can be ordered from book clubs such as Scholastic. These book clubs offer great books at excellent prices and are an easy way to add to your home library. Children need to have their own books to read and take care of at home. Many studies have proven that students who read often and who have been read to at home are better readers. These book clubs can help you do this by offering inexpensive books for purchase. You can send in a check when you order these books; but the **best way** to order is online using our class code. Books are sent much faster this way, and each time a parent orders online, the teacher earns points towards free books and deals that we can use for our classroom. We will send more information about how to purchase books when we send out the catalog flyers.

BIRTHDAYS

We know that birthdays are special days in a second grader's life. If your child wants to include the class in a birthday celebration at school you may arranged to come in and *do a craft or activity for the class to enjoy*. You can also come in a read a book to the class. There are not food items allowed to celebrate birthdays.

Your assistance with all of the above will help your child to be successful in second grade. If you have any questions about this information, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you in advance for your support!