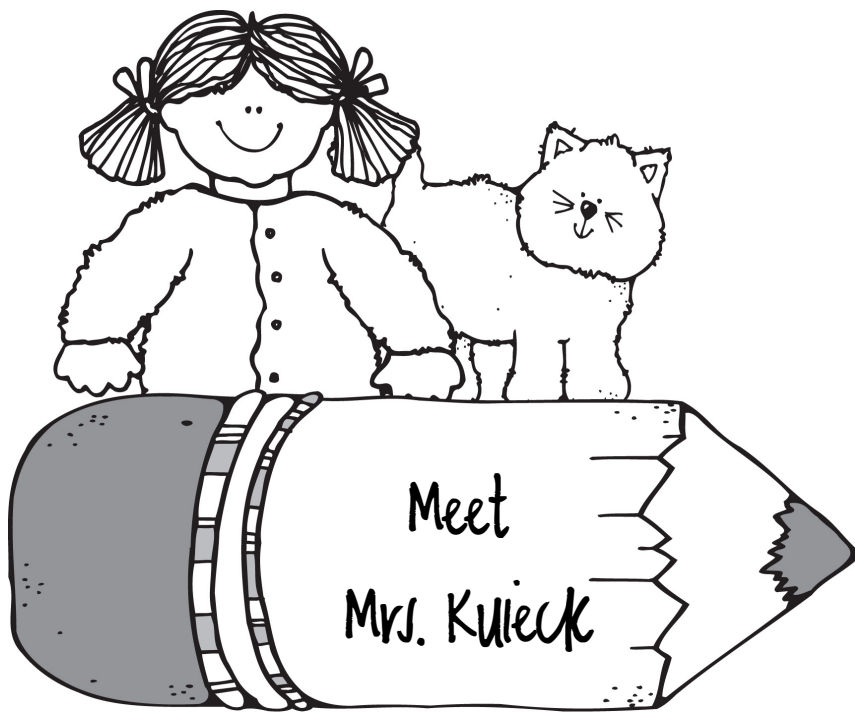




Welcome to 2nd Grade
Mrs. Kuleck
Georgetown Elementary
2012-2013

A collection of tidbits about
our classroom.



Welcome to second grade! We are going to have a great year together!

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with each of you a little bit about myself. My husband and I have three precious little boys, Masen (10), Zach (8) and Brycen (7). They are our pieces of heaven and we treasure each moment that we spend with them, even though it can be very busy, as you all know :).

This will be my fourteenth year of teaching for Hudsonville Public Schools and each one of my experiences has made an immense impact on my life. I began my teaching career in special education, moved to the land of kindergarten and settled in second grade 5 years ago. I received my teaching degree from GVSU as well as a master's degree in learning disabilities. Children are my passion and I am so excited to begin our journey together as a second grade family, creating a wonderful year for your child.

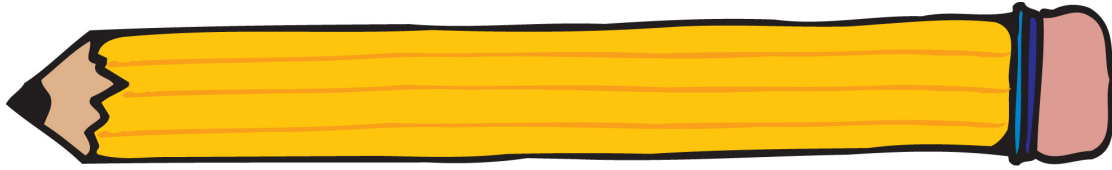
Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year:

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**In Education,
Mrs. LISA Kuleck**

The ABC's of our Classroom



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Attendance: If your child will be arriving late to school, or will be absent, please call the office noting the reason for the absence or tardy.

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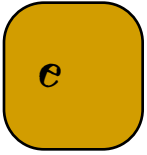
Birthdays: Birthdays are a **BIG** deal in second grade and we want to make your child feel special. You are welcome to send in a **NUT FREE** snack, or small trinket to share with the class on their special day. Also, in caring for the tender spirits in our classroom, please refrain from passing out birthday invitations at school if everyone (girls/boys) is not going to be invited. Thank you for your understanding.

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Change in Transportation: In order for your child to have a change in transportation for a specific day, we must receive **WRITTEN PERMISSION** for the safety of your child. Please feel free to call the office prior to **3:00** for last minute change in transportation. If a note or verbal directions are not provided, the child will use their normal form of transportation. Thanks for your support with this safety issue

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Daily 5: Each day your child will be participating in Read To Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Listening to Reading and Word Work. This will be the framework for our literacy block. More information will be provided at our Open House.



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Frequent Blog updates:

Look for updates on our blog pertaining to classroom happenings, announcements and fun facts about our amazing children. Make sure to subscribe to receive email alerts when a new blog post is added.

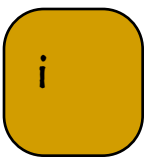


Going "Green":

We will be using the blog to convey classroom updates, happenings and special events/activities. If you prefer a hard copy, please let me know ASAP :).



HomeWork: Each Monday a homework packet will be sent home for the week, to be returned to school the following Monday. This allows a little wiggle room for busy families to get homework completed. However, there will be 20 minutes of nightly reading assigned (more if you and your child like) to support your growing reader. Please structure this into your nightly routine.

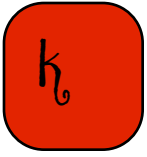


Internet: Your child will use the internet to conduct research this year. We will also be learning how to type using the home row keys on the keyboard.

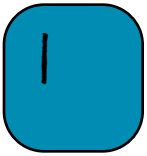


Jetting around the world with PenPals:

This year we will have the opportunity to communicate with penpals both in Florida and in the UK. We will use hand written letters, Skype and the internet to broaden our understanding of their school and one another.



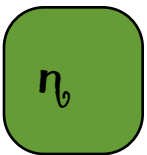
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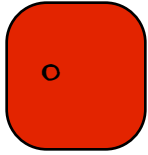
Lunch: Children will eat their lunch each day in our Multi Purpose Room. Children may either bring a lunch from home or have the option to order hot lunch. Please visit <http://www.jenhudfood.org/> for more information. We will also have two snack times, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please try to send healthy snacks with your child to refuel for optimal learning and less "sugar" side effects.



Math: Math instruction this year concentrates on addition, subtraction, combining money amounts, and telling time. It will be very important to practice these skills at home through homework, +/- fact games and through a website that are classroom will participate in called xtramath.org. More information will be provided as we begin our year. Keep in mind that the methods our children learn to solve math problems differs from the instruction that you and I received. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have :).



Nightly Folder: Children will have a folder to take to and from school each night. Please make sure to sign the daily news, and celebrate with your child the hard work that they have been doing at school. Please put any notes to me, hot lunch money, materials for the office or anything that needs to be returned to school in the folder.

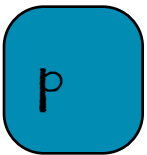


Our Classroom Incentives/Management:

Children will have the opportunity to earn **KUIECK'S CASH** for following classroom rules, returning a signed Daily News each day and returning homework. Each month, we will open Kueck's Kit and Kaboodle where children can spend their CASH. We will be using real coins to aide the development of our money skills. This year we will be using a stop light system to keep each child responsible for their own behavior and these 5 principals:

- * Be Positive * Be Accepting of Others * Be Prepared * Be Polite
- * Put forth your best effort
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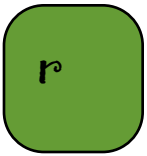
Children will not only use the stoplight to monitor warnings but also be rewarded for consistent appropriate behavior.



Personal Items: Please make sure that your child's coats, mittens, boots, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. are labeled with their name. This way we can help "lost" belongings find their home.



Quiet: Our classroom is a learning environment. We love visitors, but please keep in mind that we have children hard at work.



Reading Counts: In second grade, your child will have the opportunity to participate in a motivational reading program called Reading counts. Students read books at their own individual reading level while practicing reading strategies, they then take a quiz over content in the book, where they will receive points for earning 80% or more on the quiz. This program is optional but is a great motivational program for our children.

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Super Stars: For one week during the school year, your child will be our "star". It is a chance for us to get to know him/her better as well as having the opportunity to have a special poster, important helper, share a favorite book and have Wednesday Super Star lunch with me and a friend of their choice in the classroom. **MY FAVORITE!!!**

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Tennis shoes: Children need to have a clean pair of tennis shoes for Physical Education. They will keep these shoes in their lockers and also use them for indoor shoes in the winter.

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Units of study:

Science- States of Matter, Plants, Water Movement, Landforms and Bodies of Water.

Social Studies - Communities, Citizen Rights, Reading Maps, Government Economics (wants/needs) and History.

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Visitors/volunteers: We LOVE volunteers! Please let me know if you would be willing to help in the classroom via the Parent Survey on the blog.

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Writer's Workshop: Your child will get to experience stages of publishing stories this year as we write personal narratives, instructional text and poetry. Our concentration revolves around the content of the text itself as well as the conventions of grammar (spelling and punctuation).

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I am **eXcited** to work with **Y**ou and **Y**our child this year! Make sure he/she gets plenty of **ZZZZZZZ**'s each night as we have exciting days planned for this year.

