

All about our 2nd grade class!

**Mrs. Evans’ 2016-2017**



My name is Amelia Evans. I am married to a wonderful man named Josh. We have been married for almost nine years. We will celebrate our ninth anniversary on October 20th. We have two boys. Reid is five and attends school here at PES. Haddon is 6 months old and lights up every room. My husband is the Youth Minister at First Baptist Church of Pinson. We love sports, hiking, family, our friends, monogram (well, that’s just me) and of course our sweet babies! I must say, “War Eagle!” but if you don’t like my choice then you will love my husband’s because he is a huge Alabama fan!

**Welcome!**



School phone #: 205-379-5050

School website: pinsonel.jefcoed.com

**Class website**: <http://mrsevansbunch.weebly.com>

**Mrs. Evans’ email**: aevans@jefcoed.com

**Text messaging information:** Text this code @a94gh to 81010

**\*\*\*\*This will allow you to get text message reminders from Mrs. Evans.\*\*\*\***

My break is from 9:00-10:00. I will get back to you during that time or after school if you call. Email is the quickest way to get in touch with me. Please note that transportation changes must be done through the office. Thanks! ☺

**Contact Information**



* All money must be sent in a labeled envelope.
* Transportation changes must be made through the office or by writing it in your child’s agenda.
* Please make sure the office has your updated emergency contact information.
* If your child must miss school at any time, please send an excuse with your child when they return. This is extremely important! It is also important they are at school everyday unless sick. We cover a lot of material in second grade. They will fall behind easily.

**School Info & Absences**



* I will send home a newsletter every Monday. I will also email you the next week’s newsletter on Wednesdays.
* I will email you at least once a week. Please check your email frequently.
* Tuesday test folders (sign every Tuesday)
* Class website (check weekly; pictures will be on here as well)
* STAR binder/agenda (check daily)
* Parent communication is an indicator of a successful student! I look forward to our frequent communication throughout the school year.

**Communication**



* Lunch costs:
	+ Breakfast $1.25
	+ Lunch $1.95
		- Our lunch time is 11:50-12:20.
			* Your child will be allowed to bring a snack. They may eat it at anytime as long as I am not teaching. They may also bring bottled water.
* Specials:
	+ PE 9:00 – 9:30
	+ Specials 9:30 – 10:00
		- A day – Music
		- B day – Art
		- C day – Computer
		- D day – Library
		- E day – Science

**Breakfast, Lunch, & Specials**



 Your child’s STAR binder is our communication tool. This is where everything will be kept. Your child’s agenda, test folder, take home papers, homework, etc will be kept in the binder. Please make sure this binder is at school daily and that you check it daily at home.

In the back of your child’s binder will be his/her homework. There will be a reading assignment that needs to be done nightly. It is crucial that at the end of 2nd grade that your child is a fluent reader. Statistically, if they are not reading by the end of 2nd grade more than likely they will not become fluent readers. I promise to work my absolute best here at school to get your child where they need to be. Please continue that effort at home by reading nightly. They will also have spelling words to practice at home. This can be done any way you choose and does not need to be turned in. Set the precedent now for homework. Third grade homework becomes much more demanding!

Beginning after Christmas at some point, I will send home math homework. This will only come after your child has become solid in their understanding of ways to complete math problems. Please let your child guide the math homework and show you ways they are learning math. ☺

**STAR Binder and Homework**



To keep track of your child’s behavior I will be using Class Dojo. It is a website that tracks behavior by giving or taking away points. I will send home a code for you to be able to receive notifications of your child’s behavior. Please note that this is a tool. I will constantly take/give points based on behavior. I have found it to be the most successful behavior tool. In your child’s agenda I will note their points for the day. They will get a happy face with a number or a negative number. I do not give sad faces. We believe in a new day in our room!

We will write our class rules together on the first day of school.

Rewards:

Rewards will be given for students that receive a certain amount of points. Your child can choose to spend their points or bank them for a larger reward.

10 pts – Extra computer time

15 pts – Green chair pass

20 pts – Read to another class

25 pts – Choose your own avatar

30 pts – Lunch with a friend

35 pts – Extra recess

40 pts – Specials teacher helper

45 pts – Pick your seat for the day

50 pts – Teacher for the day

\*\*My goal for rewards is to make your child develop an intrinsic motivation for behaving.

**Classroom Management**



Friday is test day. The following Tuesday your child will bring home their test folder. This folder needs to be looked over and returned the following day. Please feel free to keep your child’s tests and sign the paper noting that you have seen your child’s papers. This is another form of communication that is important to the success of your child.

**Tuesday Test Folders**