

2nd Grade Newsletter

Ms. Mauldin's 2nd Grade Classroom



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back to school! This is always an exciting time of year. Students are excited to make new friends and share their experiences from the summer. Beginning the school year in a new class, with new faces, and being done remotely can also cause everyone to be a little nervous. Let me take the opportunity to introduce myself and welcome you to second grade!

My name is Laura Mauldin, this is my third year at Penny Creek Elementary, and I love being a part of this amazing school! I was born and raised in Washington and am a die-hard Seahawks and WSU Cougars fan. I spent some time teaching English and travelling overseas and am excited to be teaching in Everett.

I believe that learning should be fun and challenging. In my classroom we will create a community that supports this idea. As a classroom community we will support and encourage each other so that everyone can grow together. I work hard to make sure our classroom is a positive environment with lots of laughing and learning.

In addition to teaching there are several things I enjoy doing. I love to travel whenever possible and experience a variety of cultures. I try to get outside whenever possible with my dog, Gunner, and explore the beauty of our state. I also enjoy reading, doing random DIY projects, and spending time with my family.

I look forward to this year and the amazing amount of learning that will occur! I am excited to get to know each of you more and to have an awesome time in 2nd grade!

-Ms. Mauldin

F.Y.I.

- Please make sure that your best contact email is updated with the school!
- Have a dedicated space/area for your child that is for their school work.
- If a dedicated space is not possible, have a box/crate that is portable and can hold all of their school items.

Remote Learning

- Concepts that will help us learn to our best ability in any environment:
 - Grace
 - Compassion
 - Patience
 - Flexibility
 - Hard work

Classroom Nuts and Bolts:

- **Reading Homework** – Reading practice is extremely important, but it also needs to occur naturally. Sometimes we read for 20 minutes, other times for longer. Your child should be reading independently for at least 100 minutes per week.
- **Math Homework**- It is important for your student to be fluent (able to immediately solve) their addition and subtraction facts! Practicing for 10 minutes a day will help these facts to become memorized.
Only when addition and subtraction is fluent should students then begin working on multiplication facts.
- **Play**: Lots of learning takes place when kids play. This is a critical part of their development. Free play is homework too!
- **Community**: During the first couple of weeks of school a lot of time will be spent on building a strong learning community. A strong learning community is essential to the success of all students.
- **Student Health**: Get lots of rest! Students do better academically, behaviorally, and socially with good rest. Our brains need sleep to grow and learn. School-age children need 10-12 hours of sleep a night (Kidshealth. Org).

What will we be learning in September?

Community Building Activities

- Developing our classroom community by getting to know each other.

Technology

- Classroom routines, procedures, and expectations
- Platforms, tools, and navigation.

Reading and Writing

- Connections between reading and writing. Strategies for reading complex texts.
- Introduction to writing modes: narrative, persuasive, and non-fiction.

Math

- Classroom math routines, procedures and expectations
- Focus on place value
- Addition and subtraction strategies

Learning Platforms/Tools

Canvas



-Canvas will be our home-base. Communication will be conveyed through Canvas. All tech tools and assignments will be accessed through Canvas.

Google Classroom



Google Slides



Google Docs



Flipgrid



Padlet

