**Emerson Elementary**
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**Grade Level/Class Description**

Welcome to second grade! I am looking forward to working with your children this year. I know that they are well on their way to becoming great readers, writers, and mathematicians, and I am excited to join them on their journey. I am passionate about ensuring that our students will find purpose and joy in their education and will become masters of learning themselves!

**Grade Level Goals and Objectives**

Language Arts and Mathematics are the primary areas of focus in second grade. The Arts, Health Education, Science, Social Studies, Library, and Technology are integrated into learning experiences to assist in development of a strong learning foundation upon which future knowledge may be built. In addition to mastering the academic curriculum, our goal is for each student to be a complex thinker and problem solver, an effective communicator, a cooperative group participant and leader, a contributor to the community, a quality worker and producer, and a self-directed learner.

Utah has developed a Core Curriculum which outlines standards of learning that are essential for all students at each elementary grade level. The curriculum includes ideas, concepts, and skills to provide a foundation on which subsequent learning may be built. The curriculum for each grade level can be accessed on the Utah State Office of Education’s website at:

*http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/main/Curriculum-Programs.aspx.*

A copy of the grade level curriculum brochure produced by the Salt Lake City School District that describes the goals and general outcomes established in the Utah State Core Curriculum can be found at:

*http://www.slcschools.org/departments/curriculum/K-6-Curriculum-Brochures.php*.

**Instructional Materials**

Our school district has adopted a main resource for both language arts and mathematics. We will be using the 2008 Harcourt School Publishers STORYtown for language arts and the 2013 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Math Expressions for mathematics. Additional teacher selected and teacher designed resources will be used for all subject areas.

**Instructional Practices**

Classroom instruction will be delivered in a variety of ways. Students will participate in whole group instruction, small group instruction, cooperative learning groups, and peer-tutoring/partner learning. Differentiation and tiered instruction will be used to ensure that all students are learning and growing academically.

**Course Requirements (Assignments, Attendance, Tardies, Discipline, etc.)**

Attendance: A bell will ring at 7:55 am to direct students to class. School begins each day at 8:00 am. Students should be in their seats at that time ready to learn. Students who are late will need to check into the office and receive a late slip before they can be admitted into the classroom. If your child is ill or will be absence, please notify us as soon as possible.

Discipline: Emerson Elementary has a school wide discipline plan which will be supported in our classroom. Our school rules are as follows.

Students will be... Students will…

• Respectful AND • Listen

• Responsible • Learn

• Safe • Care

Homework: Students should be reading every night for 20 minutes. A weekly reading log will be sent home at the beginning of each week to track nightly reading. In addition, please check the homework folder each day for additional assignments.

**Grading Procedures**

Clear standards and expectations are established for all students at each grade level. To be on grade level, students are expected to be able to demonstrate knowledge of the information that has been taught with minimal assistance from the teacher. Classroom tests and district assessments will be given to track learning and to guide teacher instruction. Classroom assignments will receive feedback in the form of teacher observations and questions correct rather than a letter grade. Report cards will be sent home each trimester near the following dates.

* November 19,2013 1st Trimester
* March 4,2014 2nd Trimester
* June 3,2014 3rd Trimester

**Tentative Class and Activity Schedule**

Emerson Elementary has a school wide schedule for all subject areas. This includes time each week for library, computers, and physical education. Further information about our classroom schedule will be available soon.

**Disclosure Document Signatures**

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