Welcome to
Back-to-School Night
Second Grade – Room 16
Ms. Meagan Keith
About Me:

• Bachelor’s and Master’s of Science in Elementary Education from Old Dominion University
• Grew up an Army brat
• Recently moved to Loudoun County from Virginia Beach
• 2 Cats: Avery and “Funny Face”
• Favorite author: Roald Dahl
• Favorite subject in school: Reading
• What I want your child to know when she/he leaves my classroom: Lifelong learning is a magical and treasured experience.
Classroom Expectations

- Be safe, be kind, be honest.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Listen to your teacher.
- Follow directions quickly.
- Raise your hand to speak or stand.
Behavior Management

- A clip chart will be used in our classroom to monitor daily behavior.
- Students will begin their day at green on “Ready to Learn” and move their clothespin up or down during the day depending on their choices.
- At the end of every day students will log where on the clip chart they ended by coloring a star in their agendas.
- Parents are required to initial their child’s agenda to verify that they have seen their child’s behavior star.
- Students who end their day below green will have a teacher written code next to their colored star informing the parent(s) of their child’s behavior choices.

More information about the clip chart can be found in your “Back to School Night” folder.
Math Curriculum

- Measurement
- Number Concepts
- Graphing
- Problem Solving
- Addition/Subtraction
- Money
- Geometry
Hands-On Science Curriculum

- Living Systems
- Life Processes
- Matter
- Force, Motion, and Energy
- Weather
- Earth Patterns, Cycles, and Changes
- Natural Resources
Social Studies Curriculum

- Maps and Globes
- Famous Americans
- American Indians
- Economics
- Jamestown
- China
- Egypt
- Mexico
- Canada
Balanced Literacy Program:
- Independent Reading
- Read-Aloud
- Shared Reading
- Guided Reading
- Writer’s Workshop
- Word Study
Word Study

- Students are placed in flexible groups based on skills needed.
- Students will receive words on Monday and will be assessed on Friday.
- Students will be required to complete nightly word study activities at home.
Homework

- Homework is important. It is an extension of the learning process that takes place in school.
- As an LCPS guideline, children in the primary grades should be required to spend approximately (30) minutes daily doing homework.
Monday through Thursday, students will be responsible for completing a Word Study activity each night.

In addition to this, students are required to read for 15 minutes.
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Why can’t I skip my 15 minutes of reading?

- Student ‘A’ reads 15 minutes five nights of every week.
- Student ‘B’ reads 5 minutes a night…or not at all!
- Minutes a night  x  5 times a week
  - Student ‘A’ reads 75 minutes a week; Student ‘B’ reads 25 minutes a week.
- Minutes a week  x  4 weeks in a month
  - Student ‘A’ reads 300 minutes a month; Student ‘B’ reads 100 minutes a month.
- Minutes a month  x  9 months (school year)
  - Student ‘A’ reads 2,700 minutes in a school year; Student ‘B’ reads 900 minutes a school year.
- Student ‘A’ practices the equivalent of 7 whole school days a year.
- Student ‘B’ practices the equivalent of 2 school days.
C.L.A.R.I.T.Y

C – Curriculum
L – Lesson Plans
A – Assessments and
R – Reports for
I – Instructors
T – Teaching
Y - Youth
Student Birthdays

- Students may only bring invitations to school for distribution if ALL students in the classroom are invited.
- Per LCPS guidelines, food treats will not be shared for classroom birthday celebrations.
- Some suggestions for your child’s birthday treats:
  - Donate a book to the school’s Birthday Club
  - Fun pencils or stickers
  - Recess equipment
  - A board or card game for the class to share
Eating and Snacking in Class
Family members are welcome to join their children for lunch for special occasions, but must make a “reservation” 48 hours in advance with Luanne Nichols by email (Luanne.Nichols@lcps.org).

- Due to limited space, your child may not bring any buddies or siblings from another grade to eat with him/her.

You can pay for your child’s lunch online at www.pay4lunch.com or write a check out to the “County of Loudoun”.
Dismissal Procedures

- Please send in a note that explains any changes in dismissal from school. **No email changes.**
- Changes to dismissal procedures can be assured if received **before** 12 noon.
- Changes received by phone **after** 12 noon will not be accommodated unless it is an emergency.
- Students will not be dismissed during the last 30 minutes of the day unless arrangements have been made before 12 noon.
- Due to the large size of NLE’s student population, your child is permitted to bring only 1 friend on the bus with him/her.
We Need Your Help!

- Parents (and grandparents) are encouraged to volunteer in their child’s classroom.
- All volunteers must attend Volunteer Training on Sept. 10 prior to volunteering in their child’s classroom.
- Please be sure to sign up for volunteer opportunities before you leave.
Communication

- Take-Home Folder
- Agenda
- Class Webpage
- Thursday Folder
- E-mail
Before You Leave…

• Complete Parent Communication Form on class webpage*
• Sign-up for conferences*
  ➢ Don’t forget to fill out the reminder sheet next to the form
• Register for Newton-Lee 2012-2013 Parent Email Form*
• Sign-up to volunteer in our class
• Check out our wishing tree
  ➢ Please take an apple if you can
School Supply List

- 1 box 24 ct. Crayola crayons
- 1 pr. Fiskars scissors – 5” blunt tip
- 1 box thick Crayola washable markers, 8 ct.
- 2 boxes Ticonderoga #2 pencils, sharpened
- 24 Elmer’s glue sticks, .21 oz.
- 4 composition books (green, purple, red, black)
- 3 – 2 pocket folders w/brads (red, yellow, blue)
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 box Crayola Twistable colored pencils, 12 ct.
- 1 green plastic 2-pocket folder w/brads
- 5 – Expo dry erase markers, black
- Stick-on Notes – 3 x 3, 4 pk.
- 1 box tissues
- 2 lg. pink erasers