

Welcome^{to} New School Year!



2nd Grade
Room 118
Ms. Kramer

Meet the TEACHER

I am so glad to have you in my class this year. I hope we can work together to make this a spectacular year. This is my second year teaching at Foster. I look forward to working with each of you!

Here is a little information about me. I graduated from University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where I finished student teaching in third grade. I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an English as a Second Language endorsement.

I grew up in Lockport and recently moved to the city. I have an older brother and sister, as well as a twin brother. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and friends. I also love to try new baking recipes online.



Here are a few of my favorites:

- Color:** Blue
- Season:** Fall
- Fast Food Restaurant:** Slim Chickens
- Drink:** Iced Coffee
- Candy:** 100 Grand



CLASSROOM Expectations



PBIS



Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) is a program designed to prevent and respond to classroom and school discipline issues. PBIS helps to create and maintain safe learning environments, where teachers can teach and students can learn.

Classroom Rules

Be Respectful

Listen when someone is talking.
Treat everyone with kindness and respect.

Be Safe

Keep masks over mouth and nose
Bring extra mask to school
Maintain social distanced

Be Responsible

Follow directions the first time they are given.
Take care of our school and classroom.
It's OK to make mistakes.



OUR Schedule



Student Arrival 8:35-8:50 AM

Class Begins 8:50 AM

Lunch 11:30-12:05

Class Ends 3:15 PM



PE with Mr. Sietz Monday-Friday 10:40-11:05

Music with Mrs. Latka Monday & Wednesday 1:30-2:00

STEAM with Ms. Troike Tuesday & Thursday 1:30-2:00

CLASSROOM Procedures



Daily Supplies - Your child must have the yellow “take home” folder, the red “school” folder, pencil case with pencils, crayons, markers, 1 glue stick, scissors, a dry-erase marker and headphones in their backpacks. Please be sure to check our weekly “Class News” to see additional weekly items to bring. Please make sure your supplies are labeled with your child’s name. Some of these supplies will stay in their book bins in the classroom.

Reader’s Chair – Each student will have a chance to read to the class a few times throughout the school year and become the teacher by asking questions about his/her book. Please be sure the book chosen can be read with minimal assistance. It is important to practice this book at home with your child. It will make him/her feel more at ease while reading to the class. The book should not take more than about 10 to 15 minutes to read.

Star of the Week – Each student will get a chance to be “The Star of the Week.” You will receive a form to fill out and you may make a poster with your child to share with the class.

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IPAD EXPECTATIONS AND PROTOCOLS

- Food and drinks should not be around your iPad.
- Come to school with your iPad fully charged
- Bring headphones daily
- Be safe online/use digital citizenship
- Carry iPad with two hands and safely transport in backpack
- Please keep the charger with the charging brick from the district
- If problems arise with iPad, please contact: support@d142.org



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Tips for Technology

Clever: In order to access Seesaw, iXL, Studies Weekly, and Wixie your student must login through Clever. Clever can be accessed using this link: clever.com/in/d142.

Seesaw: When your student is using Seesaw, they must log into Clever and click on Seesaw. It will then direct them to the Seesaw App. There are two versions of the app. The app needed to upload student work is called **Seesaw Class**. Parents must also join **Seesaw Family**. An email invite to Seesaw Family will be sent out to you.

iXL: To complete activities on iXL language arts and math you must select level D or 2nd Grade. Once you select level D or 2nd Grade you will be able to see the categories listed on the lessons that were sent out.

Epic: To access Epic use this link: getepic.com/students. You must log in using your class code. We will notify you of the class code. Students can go to the mailbox to find assigned books.

Studies Weekly: To access Studies Weekly, you need to login through Clever. Once logged in, Click Studies Weekly. This will give you different grades, so you need to click on Second Grade Studies Weekly. From there, you can click on the specific week/article that is assigned.


CLASS NEWS



- ✧ Every week I will have a weekly newsletter called “Class News”, noting important subjects and activities that will be covered in class.
- ✧ I will email this newsletter out to parents every week. It can also be found on our class Weebly. This Weebly can be found by clicking my name located on the district website or go to <http://d142-bkramer.weebly.com/>. We also have a class twitter with updates on what we are working on @MsKramer142
- ✧ I believe that it is important to keep you just as involved in your child’s learning as I am.



Home work POLICY

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- ✧ Independent work and homework needs to be completed each day unless otherwise stated.
 - ✧ Students are **expected to read at least 20 minutes and practice math addition/subtraction facts nightly.**

Absent Student

Please call the school attendance line for any student who is not going to be in attendance during the school day at **708-803-8213**. Please call the office and email me about vacations a few days prior to leaving on your trip. Some homework for vacations may be given prior, but the majority will be collected while away and given to the students when they return.


Absent Work

All work missed while absent must be made up within a reasonable amount of time. It will not be considered late.

Attendance
POLICY



Snack & Water Bottles

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- ✧ Students will be allowed to have a snack in school.
 - ✧ Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle with their name on it. Water fountains have been turned off, however they may refill their water bottles.
 - ✧ Students will not be allowed to bring in any birthday treats.

ARRIVAL

Dismissal



- ✧ Second graders will enter and exit school through **door 7**.
- ✧ Please be sure to **send an email before school** if your child **will not** be riding the bus as he/she normally does. If your plans change during the school day, please **call the office** to notify us of a change. For safety reasons, your child will be sent home on the bus if we are not properly notified.



ARRIVAL

Dismissal



- ✧ If your child is eligible to ride the bus and they will not be taking it, please be sure to fill out a bus refusal form.
- ✧ If you have made arrangements with Ivy League, Triple R, Bright Visions, Acorn, Kindercare, or any other day care service, please fill out and return the form emailed to you all.
- ✧ Please make sure either of these forms are filled out prior to the first day. If you send one of them in your child's backpack on Wednesday, please let me know so I can get it to the office.



Learning Goals

Our 2nd grade curriculum and pacing guides for Reading and Math follow the Illinois Common Core State Standards

Reading:

2nd Grade Reading Standards

Math:

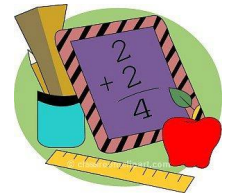
2nd Grade Math Standards

Science:

2nd Grade Science Standards

Social Science:

2nd Grade Social Science Standards



CONTACT INFORMATION

- ✧ We will be utilizing the email addresses that you provided in PowerSchool. Please email me if you would like additional emails added to our parent contact group.
- ✧ If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone call or email.
- ✧ I can be reached at 687-4763 Ext. 5318 or bkramer@d142.org.

