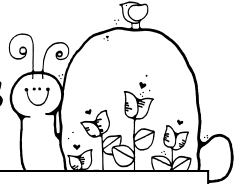




# Parent Newsletter - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## Welcome to a new school year!

July 29, 2015



Dear 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families,

Welcome back to school! My name is Miss Nikki Morishige and I am very excited to be starting a new school year along with your child. A little bit about myself...

This will be my ninth year teaching here at Waiahole Elementary! I graduated in 2007 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with my Masters in Education, and have been here ever since. I have taught grades K through 3<sup>rd</sup> (and one year taught a combo 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, whew!), but truly enjoy the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum.

Throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns. You may reach me by writing a note in your child's Homework Tablet, calling me here at school (#239-3111), or by emailing me through our class website (<http://www.waiahole2nd.weebly.com>).

I am looking forward to a fantastic year filled with fun and learning with your child!

Sincerely,  
Miss Morishige

Date to remember:

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| * Thursday, Aug. 20 | Picture Taking           |
| * Friday, Aug. 21   | Admissions Day - Holiday |
| * Monday, Aug. 22   | Waiver Day - no school   |

### Please visit us on our class website!

Our class website will be a way to get a glimpse into our classroom from home!

You will be able to...

- learn about our class and curriculum
- have a calendar of school events on hand
- see our class newsletters online
- link to websites we use in class
- contact me through email

Access our website by going to Waiahole Elementary's website, click on "students" then "classes," "2<sup>nd</sup> grade" and click on the link to our website. Or, you can type [waiahole2nd.weebly.com](http://www.waiahole2nd.weebly.com) into your

# Second Grade Expectations

## Behavior

Although we will review the rules in school, please also take some time to go over these with your child – discuss with him/her the importance of rules and how he/she can follow these at school.

### Fantastic Five

1. Treat others the way you want to be treated.
2. Follow ALL directions the first time.
3. Take care of others, self, and our classroom.
4. Be on task and do not disturb others from learning.
5. One speaker, one voice.



#### Consequences

If classroom rules are not followed...

1<sup>st</sup> time: A verbal warning will be given.

2<sup>nd</sup> time: Pin will be moved to “yellow” on our Behavior Stoplight; Student will reflect on behavior during missed recess/activity time

More than 2x: Pin moved to “red”; Student will reflect on behavior during missed recess (whole)/activity and/or student removed to office; Parents notified

*\*Depending on the severity, student may receive a Referral and be removed from class to the principal’s office.*

# Second Grade Expectations: Homework

## What is the purpose of homework?

Completing homework helps to solidify, through practice, the skills and concepts your child has learned at school. It is **expected** that your child completes his/her homework with **quality and returns it to school when it is due**. In this way, not only does your child have immediate practice of what was learned in class, but also is learning how to be a responsible and reliable student.

Student Responsibilities	Parent/Guardian Responsibilities	Teacher Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copy down daily homework assignments in Homework Tablet.</li><li>• Complete homework with <b>quality</b>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a quiet space at home for child to complete homework.</li><li>• Check that homework is completed with quality.</li><li>• Sign Homework Tablet each night.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communicate with child and parents/guardian regarding homework expectations.</li><li>• Offer feedback on returned homework.</li></ul>

- Your child's Communication Folder should be brought home each day containing Homework assignments and/or important school notices and bulletins. Do review and remove papers in the "Review and Leave at Home" section of your child's folder.
  - This year students are receiving plastic folders to help keep them organized and neat. These are to be returned at the end of the school year. Please help your child take care of this folder so that it may be used next year!
- Please let me know if there are circumstances that interfere with your child's Homework (e.g. not sure of how to complete it, unexpected emergency, etc...)
- If your child is absent, please call the office and I will gladly prepare the homework for you to pick up.

**Second Grade Homework Policy:** Students with incomplete homework (unless excused with a parent's note) will make-up/complete it during missed recess.

If you have any questions about Homework procedures or specific assignments, don't hesitate to ask! Thank you for your support 😊