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Welcome Letter

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Meet your Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher:

Hello and welcome to 2nd grade! My name is Gretchen Gustafson. Many families call me Ms. G. as saying my name can be hard. Although my hometown is Muskegon, Michigan, I have called North Carolina home since 2004. I graduated from Western Michigan University in 1997 with a degree in Elementary Education. In 2014, I earned a Masters in Education from Barton College. Two fun facts about me are that I LOVE books and I am involved in ferret rescue!

Communication is an important part of your child's education. The best way to contact me is by email. You will receive a response within 24 hours. In case of an emergency, call the school. Keep in mind that you may need to leave a message as I may not answer if it is during a class. If necessary, I will return your call as soon as I can. My contact information is at the top of this page, as well as at the top of each newsletter.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of my families during this 2016/2017 school year!

Meet your Math and Science Teacher:

My name is Suzi Smith. I grew up in Bunn and even went to Bunn Elementary School. I love teaching in my hometown school and look forward to getting to know the next generation of Bunn. I graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Elementary Education in 2012 and a Masters in Education in 2013. A fun fact about me is that I love cats!

I believe in strong parent-teacher communication. During the week, the best way to contact me is by email. I will respond to your email within 24 hours. If it is an emergency, please call the school. I may not answer the phone during class time so please leave a message and I will return your call if needed. My contact information can be found at the top of this page and will be on every newsletter.

I look forward to our 2016-2017 school year!

Homework:

- ❖ Assignments will be placed in this box weekly. However, students are expected to write their homework down in their agenda each day and have it signed by the teacher.
- ❖ Students are expected to read 20 minutes each night and have their reading log signed by an adult.

When is PE?

Students will go to specials with their homeroom teacher.

Ms. Gustafson has PE on Tuesday
Mrs. Smith has PE on Friday

****Wear tennis shoes****



Important Dates:

- August 29th--First Day of School. 7:45-2:45
- September 5th-- No School. Labor Day Holiday
- September 14th--Early Release Day. 12:45
- September 16th--Fall Picture Day
- September 16th--Second grade fees due (\$20)

Behavior:

We use the Bunn Elementary PBIS behavior clip chart. Students start on green everyday. Not following directions and rules will lead the student to clip down to yellow, then orange, then red. Students ending the day on red will receive a phone call home. Students also can clip up for good behavior or going the extra mile. Students can clip up to blue.

We also use ClassDojo. Students can earn six points each day: homework, bathroom/hallway, classroom, cafeteria, specials, recess. Check your green folder for more information on Class Dojo.

Teacher Canvas pages (website) will be up and running soon. Look for more information in the next couple weeks.

Important Times in our Day:

- 8:15-- Specials
- 11:00--Recess
- 12:00-- Lunch

Volunteers:

All volunteers in the classroom must fill out the online volunteer form every year. Please visit fcschools.net and look on the right side of the web page. If you complete the form, please send the teacher a note so we can check the file for clearance level.

If you do not have access to internet at home, let your child's teacher know and you can come to the classroom to complete the form.



Grade Level Fees:

Second grade fees are \$20.00 per student. This will cover out of school and in school field trips. This money will also cover classroom celebrations. Fees are due to your teacher Friday, September 16th.

If you cannot pay the full amount at one time, you can make smaller payments. Any questions or concerns, please let your teacher know.