



# Welcome to Second Grade!

**Mrs. Gaur's Sunshine Class**  
**Room 127**  
**2023-2024**



**BACK TO  
SCHOOL!**

*I don't speak with  
an accent, you  
only hear it!*



My favorite  
teacher poem

## From a Teacher

They're my kids, too,  
You know.  
We laugh,  
We play,  
We learn.

I look out for them.  
I am proud of every single one.  
Agree and disagree,  
Smile or shed a tear,  
Always a part of me.  
They're my kids, too,  
You know.

-D Mendell, May '00

# All About Me-Sue Gaur

Have been teaching for 19 years. Live in Media with husband and 3 kids- a girl, a boy, and a dog. Kids are all grown up and out of the nest. Dog lives with us and continues to shower us with his unconditional love. Have been married and in this country for over 26 years and still have the accent :(.

Teaching is my passion and I LOVE WES and my job. I treat your kids as my own and this year I have only one goal for my students...I want them coming to school every day with a smile.

## Life's Mantra

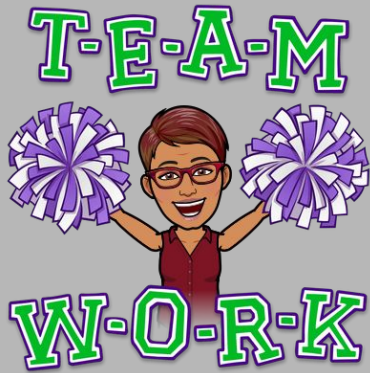
- Live life to the fullest
- Hard-work never hurt anyone
- Work is Worship
- Work hard and play hard
- Live and Learn







# OUR CLASS





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## OUR TEAM

**Ms. Hole**  
Room #124

**Mrs. McNamara**  
Room #125

**Mrs. Morris**  
Room # 126

**Mrs. Gaur**  
Room #127

**Miss Miluski**  
Room #129

**Ms. Bannon**  
Room # 136  
Learning Support  
Teacher

**Mrs. Lawler/Mrs. Getty**  
Room # 227  
Reading Support  
Teacher

**Mrs. Lee and  
Ms. Smith** our  
Instructional  
Assistants

**Mrs. Friedrichsen**  
Room # 224  
Instructional  
Support Teacher

**Mrs. Deming**  
Room # 103  
Learning  
Support  
Teacher

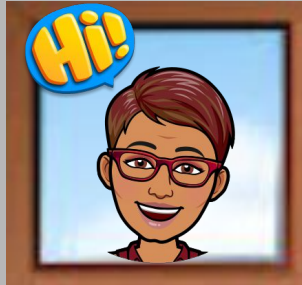
# Our 2nd Grade Team



Ms. Hole



Ms. Miluski



Mrs. Gaur



Mrs. Morris



Mrs. McNamara





# General Second Grade Goals

- Think and work independently
- Follow directions
- Develop responsibility and self discipline
- Develop a longer attention span
- Think critically and creatively
- Work cooperatively with others
- Take pride in your work
- Be grateful for what you have





# Topics

- School Wide Theme
- Our Specials
- Reading and Language Arts
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- Technology (ipads)

SCHOOL  
TOPICS



# WES School Theme 2023-2024

**Time to Shine**



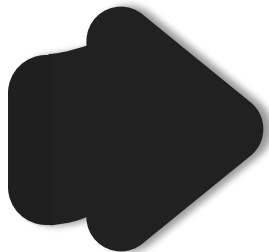


Be safe.



Be respectful.

Be responsible.



Be helpful.

# Actions Have Consequences Examples

## POSITIVE

- We feel good about coming to school.
- We enjoy working together.
- it's easy to find a partner for games.
- We get iPad time.
- The cafeteria is a pleasant place to eat lunch.
- We have time for fun activities.
- Sometimes we earn privileges, like extra recess, pajama day, iPad time, and more.
- The bus ride home is peaceful while you think of your good day.

## NEGATIVE

- You miss some recess time because you need to practice the quiet signal.
- Your class doesn't have time for a fun project your teacher planned.
- Your classmates are frustrated with you.
- People want to take a break from you during lunch and recess time.
- You have to sit with a teacher and review a part of the lesson you missed when you were disruptive.





## Classroom Incentives

*Instead of golden paws (tickets), teachers are creating classroom incentives. Our class will vote for either a pajama day, extra recess, extra iPad time or other choice once the marble jar is filled.*

Mrs. Haley (A)



Mr. Casamento (C)



Grades K-4

September - 18 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	A	B	C	D
A	B	C	D	A
B	C	D	A	B
D	C	D	A	B

October - 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
C	D		A	B
	C	D	A	B
C	D	A	B	C
D	A	B	C	D
A				

November - 16 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	B	C	D	A
B		C	D	A
B	C	D	A	B
C	D	A		

December - 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			B	C
D	A	B	C	D
A	B	C	D	A
B	C	D	A	B

January - 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	C	D	A	B
C	D	A	B	C
		D	A	B
C	D	A	B	C
D	A			

February - 18 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		B	C	D
A	B	C	D	A
B	C	D	A	
	B	C	D	A
B	C			

March - 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		D	A	B
C	D	A	B	C
D	A	B	C	
D	A	B	C	D
A	B	C		

April - 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
D	A	B	C	D
A	B	C	D	A
B	C	D	A	B

May - 21 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
C	D	A	B	C
D	A	B	C	D
A		B	C	D
A	B	C	D	A
	B	C		

June - 12 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			D	A
B	C	D	A	B
C	D	A	B	C

2 hr Delayed Opening

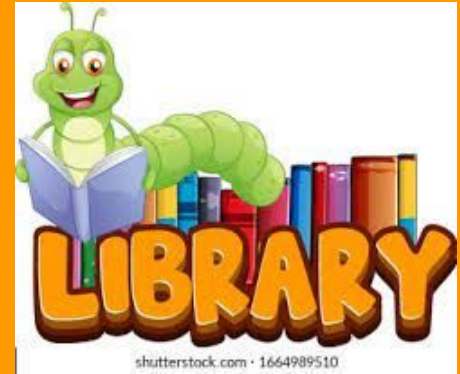
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12:30 Dismissal

Guidance-WES

- A 44
- B 44
- C 44
- D 43

Ms. Chafetz (B)



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Mrs. Ryan (D)



# Scholastic Book Orders

Throughout the year, I will send home the flyers for scholastic book orders. This is optional. If you choose to order books, please do so online by the due date. It usually takes a few weeks for orders to be delivered. This is a great way for you and your child to get reasonably priced books. The link is below.

<https://clubs.scholastic.com/home>

OUR CODE: MD68Y



# Language Arts

## New Reading Program-Fundations & Fountas & Pinnell

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics
- Sound Mastery
- High Frequency/Trick Words
- Vocabulary
- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Spelling
- Writing
- Reading for purpose
- Daily 5

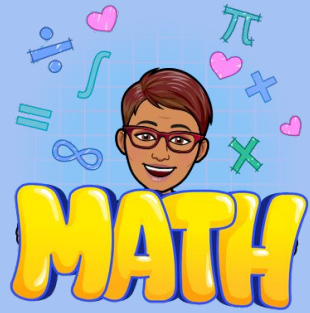




# Math in Focus

This year, second graders will focus on:

- building problem-solving skills and strategies
- counting, comparing, and writing numbers to 1,000
- adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using bar models
- measuring length, mass, and volume in metric units
- telling time
- recognizing bills and coins



# Social Studies

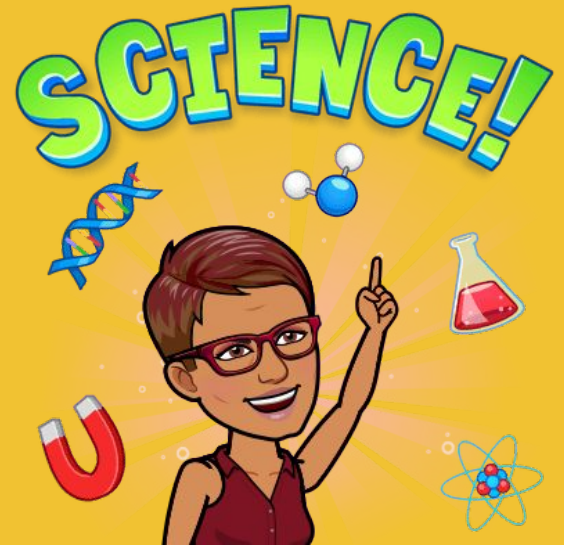
- Communities - Past and Present
- Scholastic News
- Current Events
- Map Skills
- Cultural Awareness



# Science

## Topics of Study

- Insects
- Changes in Matter
- Soils
- Balancing and Weighing
- \* Stem



# Technology



- Basic Computer Awareness
- Google Docs/typing
- Teacher Directed Research on Approved District Sites
- Smartboard and Ipads
- Seesaw



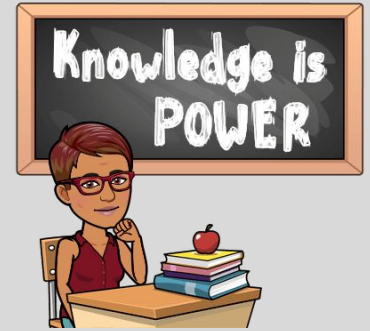


# Scholastic News Magazine and Science Spin

Scholastic News and Science Spin will cost \$9.00 this year. Checks should be made out to WSSD or you can pay in cash. We will use these to help supplement our social studies and science programs this year.



# Our Daily Schedule



**8:45  
9:05**

**9:05–  
10:05**

**10:05–  
11:05**

**11:05 –  
11:50**

**11:50 –  
12:50**

**12:50 –  
1:20**

**1:20 –  
2:05**

**2:05 –  
2:35**

**2:40 –  
3:25**

**3:25**

**Morning  
Meeting**

**Language  
Arts**

**Math**

**Lunch/R  
ecess**

**Inter–  
vention  
Block**

**Language  
Arts**

**Writing  
  
\*Snack\***

**Science or  
Social  
Studies**

**Special**

**Dismissal**

# Homework

- Each night, students will be required to read for 10 - 15 minutes.
- They will also be required to practice math facts each night for 5 - 10 minutes.

**\*\*I will provide ways to practice beginning next week\*\***

***There will be a weekly log to fill in each night that will be collected on Fridays. I will send this home on Mondays. Please have the children clean their homework folders before coming to school on Monday.***



# Gaur Gazette

WEEK OF September 12th



## Upcoming Plans for the Week

Journal- Journal Writing  
Reading- New program Foundations- orientation lessons  
Complete PBIS lessons on expected behavior  
Math- Math in Focus Chapter 1- Numbers to 1,000  
Testing- MAP testing  
Social Studies- Scholastic News  
Getting to know activities to encourage a sense of team building.  
Mindfulness/yoga



## Students will...

### Our Upcoming Events

9/15 Back to School Night-7:10  
9/16 9:30 AM Assembly  
9/20 PTO Meeting 6 pm  
9/26 **NO SCHOOL**  
9/29 School Picture Day and  
PTO Mums pick up (4-6pm)  
9/30 - WES movie Night 7 pm

*NOTE- Please send in a healthy snack each day with your child.*

## Contact Info

[sgaur@wssd.org](mailto:sgaur@wssd.org)  
Room # 127

## Specials

Music	A
Library	B
PE	C
Art	D

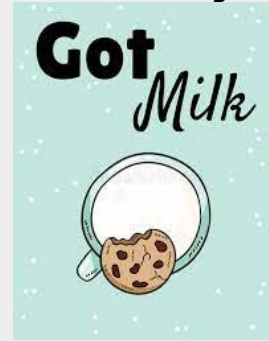
## Lunch/Snack

L= 11:05-11:50
S= 1:35- 1:45
Please send in a healthy snack



# Our Fundraisers **Got Milk Stand & Lemonade Stand**

Fall- got milk stand...Fundraiser where my 2nd graders will sell cookies and milk to the whole school. Cookies are donated by parents and milk by teachers. I will be asking for help :)



Spring: Lemonade Stand Fundraiser where my class sells lemonade and pretzels to the whole school and we raise money for cancer. WAWA donates lemonade and Pretzel Factory gives us pretzels.



# got yoga?

**We will be doing yoga to calm ourselves, energize ourselves, and to make us feel better.**

## 7 Benefits of yoga for kids

1. Yoga helps children manage their anxiety.
2. Yoga improves children's emotional regulation.
3. Yoga boosts children's self-esteem.
4. Yoga increases children's body awareness and mindfulness.
5. Yoga enhances children's concentration and memory.
6. Yoga develops children's strength and flexibility.
7. Yoga teaches discipline and reduces impulsivity.





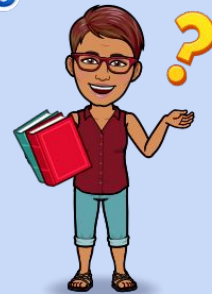
# Got Crochet?



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How can we celebrate birthdays?**
  - We will sing in class, I give a pencil. You are welcome to send in a small, non edible treat for the class, but it is not required.
- **Will there be field trips?**
  - Field Trips– To be determined
- **What is the folder in their backpacks for?**
  - Students will bring home this red folder each night. Please send it back in each day. One side will be for the homework log and the other side will be for any communications between us. Please check and clean the folder daily.
- **What is the best way to contact your teacher?**
  - Reach out to me via email: [sgaur@wssd.org](mailto:sgaur@wssd.org)
  - Please checkout Seesaw for the weekly newsletter and pictures

Any Questions?



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What if my child will be absent?**
  - Call or email the attendance line.
  - When your student returns, send in a note within 3 days of absence with the reason.
  - \*If you need green notes, please let me know.
- **What if my child is going home early or a different way?**
  - Send a note in your child's homework folder indicating the change in dismissal plans.
  - \*If you need yellow notes, let me know. You can also inform the school through the portal.

You may use student powerschool to fill in delays or absences

\_ Does my child need a snack

- YES, please. Your child should bring in a healthy snack every day. Since our lunch is early, we have a long afternoon. Snack is IMPORTANT.

I'm looking forward to a great school year with your child. Thank you for your help and support throughout the coming months!

~Mrs. Gaur~

*(The most beautiful teacher without an accent) 😊*

