

Little River Administrative Team



The administrative team at Little River Elementary is thrilled to begin another school year! We look forward to empowering every student to make meaningful contributions to the world.

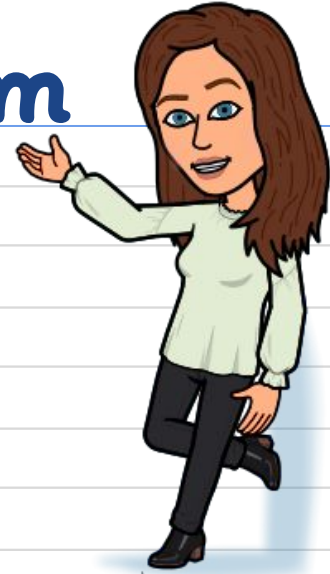
Kevin Murphy, Principal
Kim Dempsey, Assistant Principal
Kelli Bolden, Dean
Lisa Taylor, SPED Dean

Meet the Second Grade Team



Mrs. Kristin Martin

Miss Sana Ahmed



Mrs. Sara Bradford



Miss Liz Harvey



Miss Kaitlin Bruner



School Attendance

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes/backpacks night before
- Encourage your child to attend every day

Why is this important?

- The routines we establish in elementary school set habits for a lifetime.
- Too many absences result in falling behind.
- Students can fall behind if they miss just 1-2 days every few weeks!

Did you know...

- Missing 10%, or just 2 days each month, over the course of a year makes it harder for students to learn to read.
- Over time, at this rate, students will miss one full year by the time they graduate.
- Students' attendance in school is mandatory and required by law.

Excused absences include:

- Child's illness
- Child's medical or dental appointment (child can arrive late or leave early as well)
- Death in family
- Court appointments
- Military obligations

*****Family trips/vacations are not excused absences**

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



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What our Day Might Look Like:

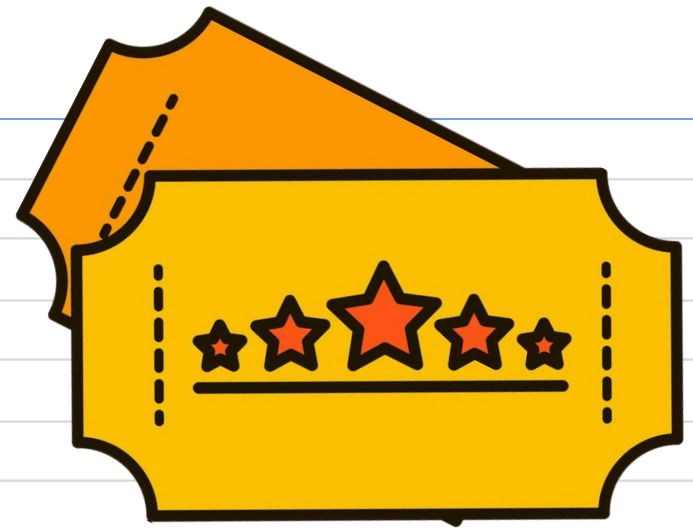
- ★ Morning Meeting
- ★ Reading Workshop
- ★ Writing Workshop
- ★ Content–Science and Social Studies every day
- ★ Math
- ★ Phonics
- ★ Recess
- ★ River Time



Welcome to...
SECOND GRADE!



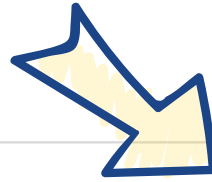
PBIS



- ★ School Based Rewards
- ★ Build a Reward
- ★ Ticket System or Class Dojo
- ★ Prize Menu



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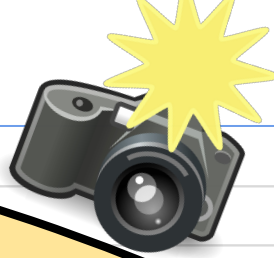


- ★ Every student has a Chromebook
- ★ Your child needs to bring their Chromebook and the charger to school ***every day***
- ★ Make sure your child's Chromebook and charger are **labeled with their first and last name**
- ★ Make it a routine to charge your child's Chromebook **every single night**



Technology Trouble

- ★ If you notice that your child's technology isn't working well, please contact the technology center
- ★ If Chromebooks break / don't work at school, we will handle the situation here



- Technology Issues?
- Submit an incident through the Support Center website (<http://supportcenter.lcps.org>)
 - Email your question to DDI-TechnologySupportCenter@lcps.org
 - Call the Technology Support Center at (571) 252-2112

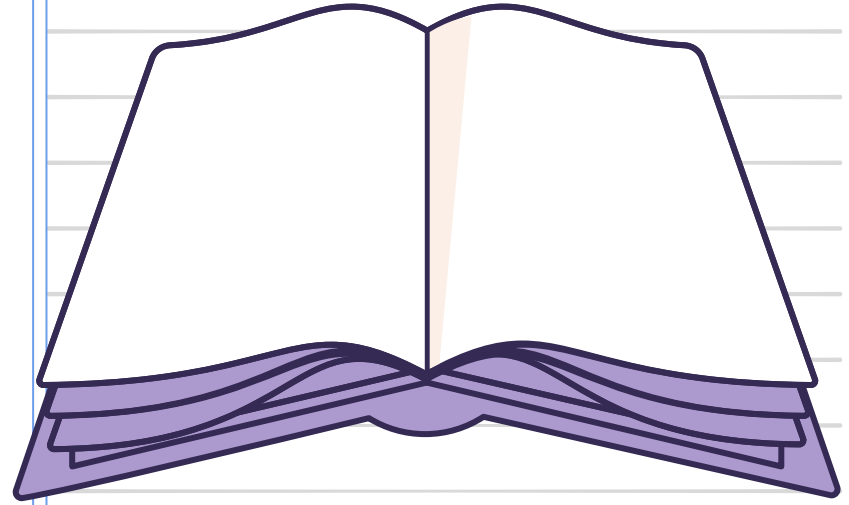
Support from Home

- ★ Read for at least 20 minutes each night
- ★ Check the **weekly newsletter** for questions you can ask at home!
- ★ Practice **math facts** with fluency
- ★ Make sure your child charges their device every night
- ★ Help your child learn their ID number

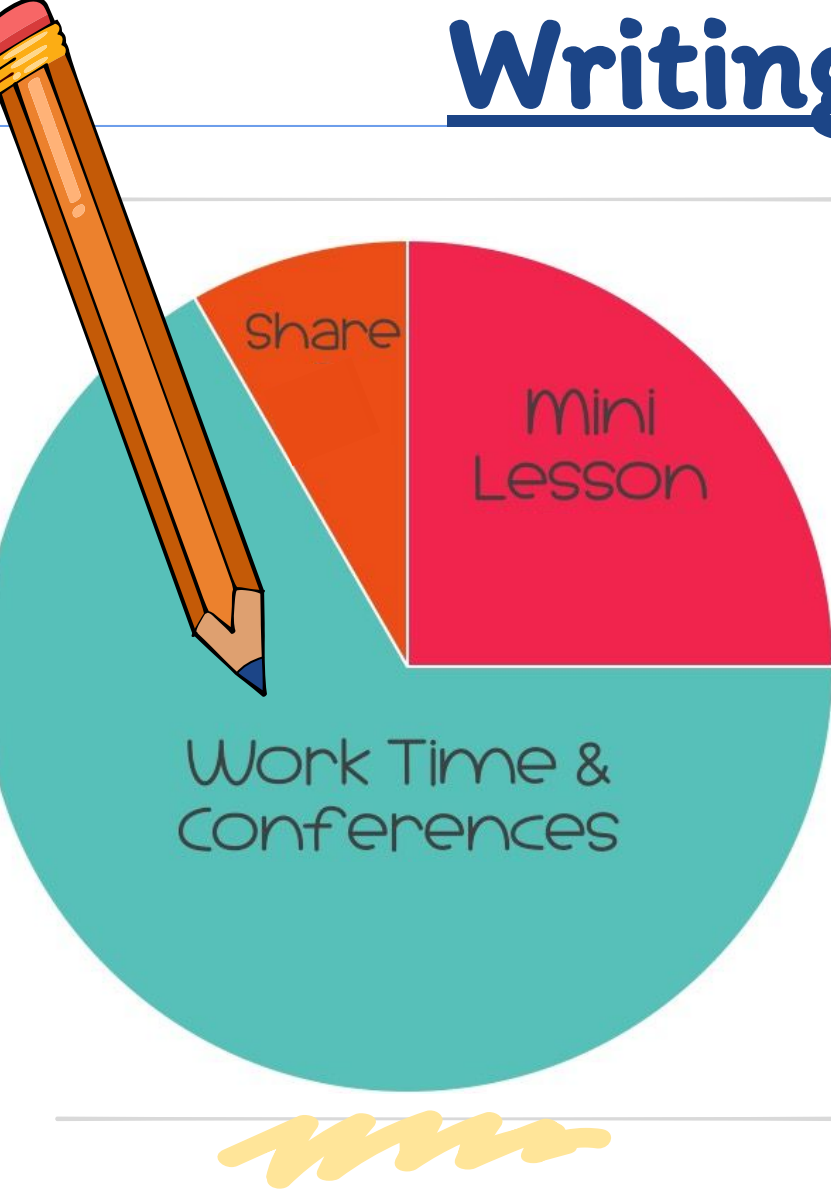


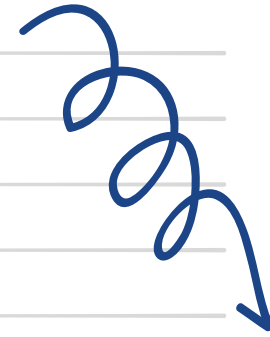
Reading Workshop

- ★ Minilessons, conferences, small reading groups, independent reading
- ★ Working on building stamina for independent reading
- ★ Playlist choices
- ★ Reading level and book choices
- ★ Reading assessments at beginning of year; progress monitoring throughout the year
- ★ Running records



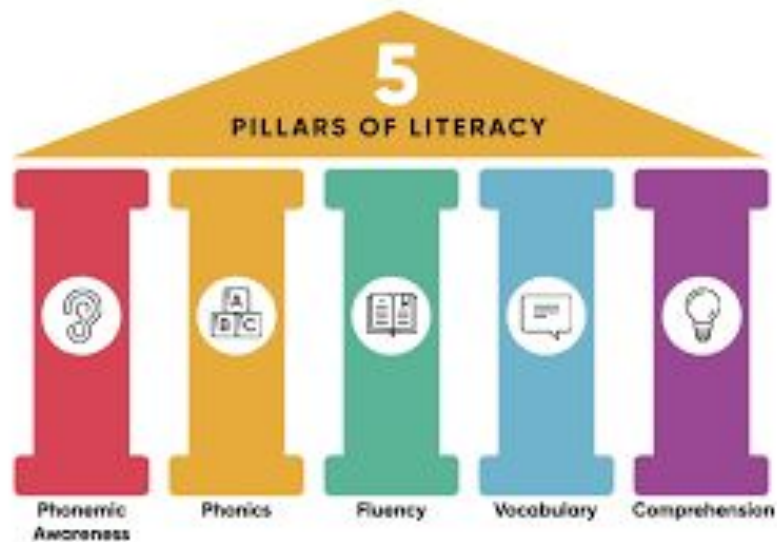
Writing Workshop



- ★ Building independence
 - ★ Creating ideas
 - ★ Organizing thoughts
 - ★ Using resources
 - ★ Handwriting Without Tears
 - ★ Starting cursive
 - ★ Writing portfolio
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Phonics

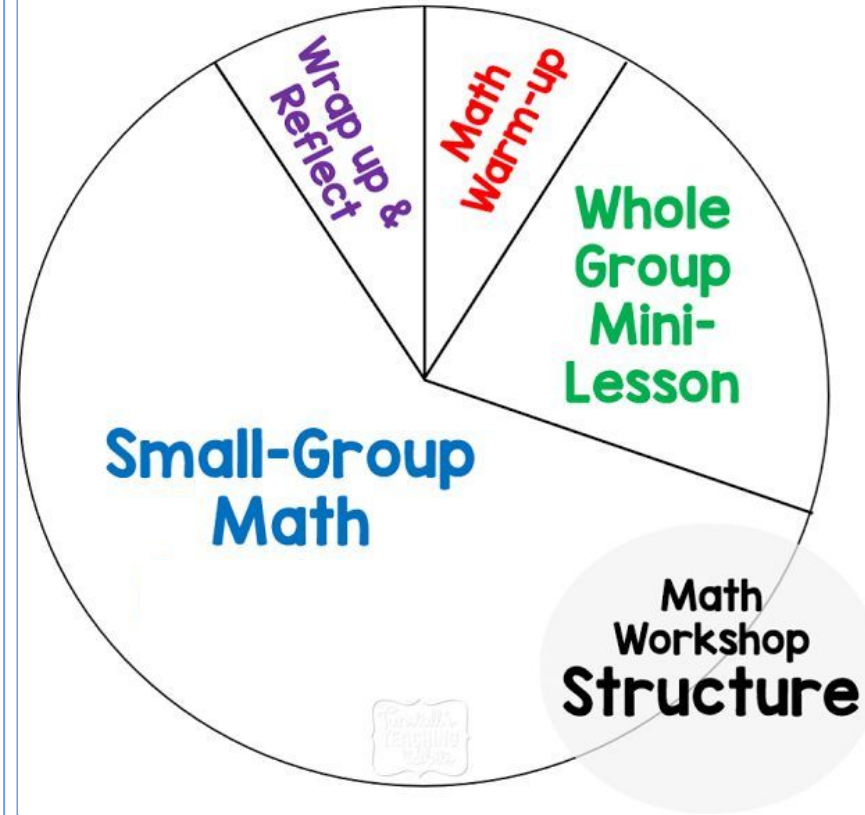


- ★ Continuing phonics skills from last year
- ★ New UFLI program
- ★ Utilizing Sound wall vs. Word Wall



Math Workshop

- ★ Number Sense Routine
- ★ Minilesson
- ★ Independent practice, partner work, group activities, games
- ★ Small groups to meet each student's level
- ★ Need to know math facts fluently
- ★ Playlist Choices
- ★ PBAs



Content

(Science and Social Studies)

- ★ Science and Social Studies lessons every day
- ★ PBLs
- ★ Communities, American Indians, Famous Americans, Economics, Maps
- ★ Matter, Weather, Habitats, Animal and Plant Life Cycles, Forces and Motion



>>> Grading



3	M - meets the standard	demonstrated the understanding or skill necessary to "Meet the Standard." The goal is for all children to demonstrate proficiency which is described as the level "3" learning target.
2	P - progressing toward the standard	working with simpler concepts that show the student is "Progressing toward the Standard."
1	B - beginning to understand the standard	working with the building blocks that will eventually lead to success at level "2"
4	E - exceeds the standard	child must meet the level 3 learning target and also demonstrate application of more complex concepts related to level "3." A child who "Exceeds the Standard" produces work that shows in-depth understanding of the grade level concepts.

Assessments

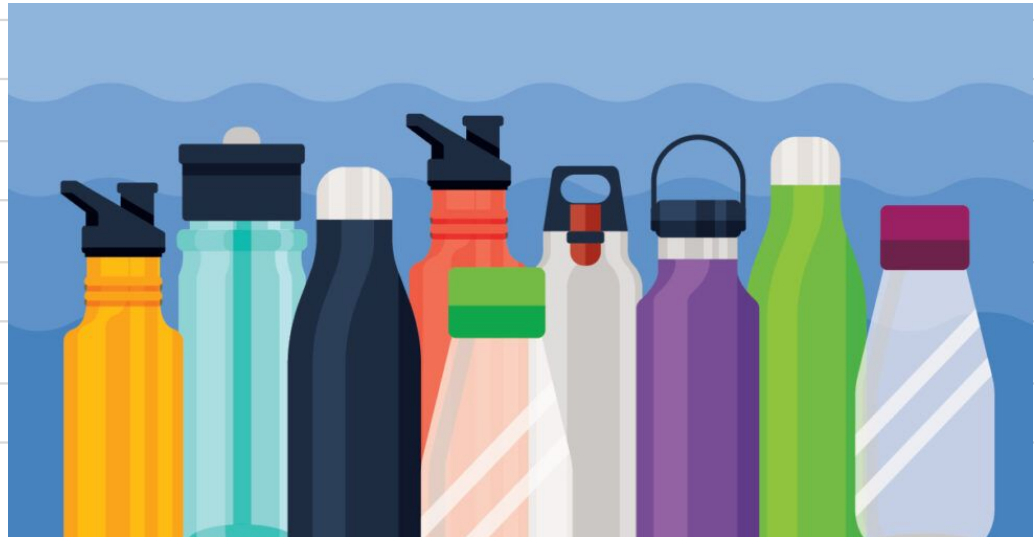


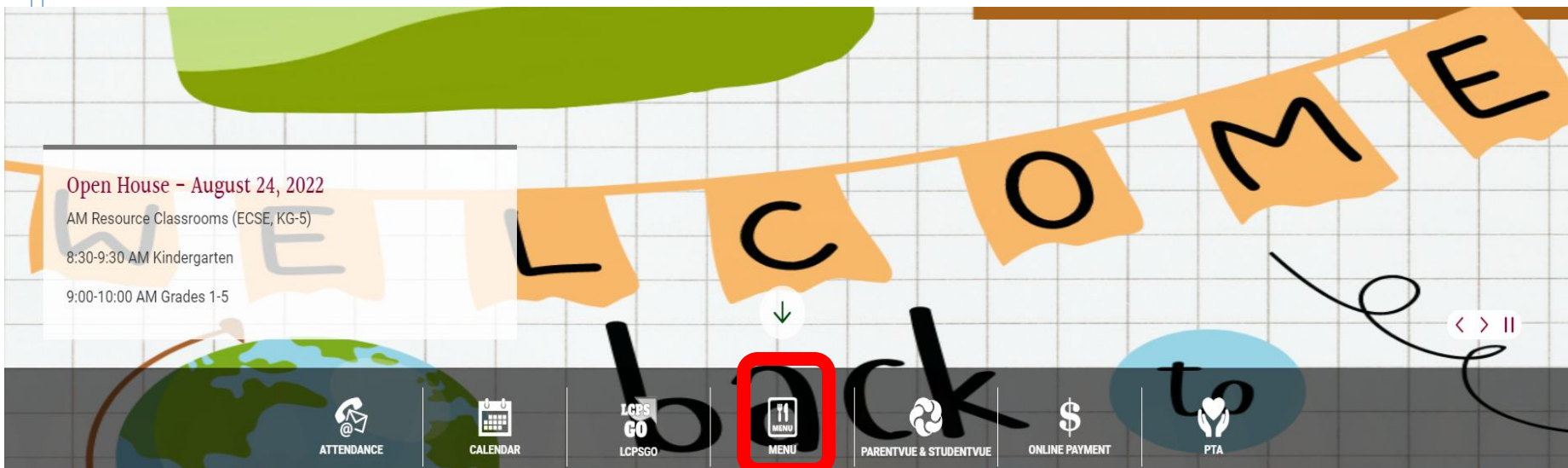
Type of Assessment	What does it mean?	What are some examples?
Formative Assessments	Happens while learning takes place	<input type="checkbox"/> Checklists <input type="checkbox"/> Observations
Summative Assessments	Happens after learning takes place	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubrics <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional tests / quizzes <input type="checkbox"/> PBL and PBA

<<< Food



- ★ Lunch is from 11:20-11:50
- ★ Please have your child bring in a reusable water bottle
- ★ No snack for 2nd grade
- ★ Make sure to check your child's lunch balance on **LINQ Connect (you will have to download the application, but can use same login credentials)**
- ★ Remind your child not to buy for friends or share food with friends
- ★ If you want to sign up for free / reduced lunch, stop and talk with Family Liaison Mrs. Schmidt





SCHOOL MENUS - LITTLE RIVER ES



Meal Menus - Little River ES

MANAGE STUDENT MEAL ACCOUNTS

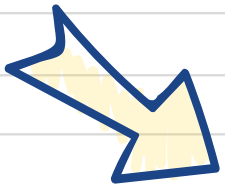


Login - Manage Student Meal Accounts

Phoenix

- ★ Can use to view your child's progress
- ★ School work and announcements will come home in Thursday folder
- ★ Will update grades regularly
- ★ Will send classroom updates through the Phoenix ParentVue. Please make sure your email is correct and updated.

Thursday folders
may not be sent
home *every*
Thursday! Look out
for them, but there
may be nothing to
send!

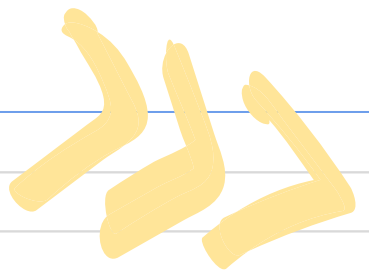


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Random Facts



- ★ **Birthdays:** We will acknowledge them as a class
 - **No food** allowed
 - Birthday invitations not allowed to be distributed at school unless **whole class** is invited
- ★ Class Directory will be sent out for contact information
- ★ Please leave toys, trading cards, games, etc. at **home**
- ★ School field trip
- ★ Make sure your child has headphones at school and change of clothes in backpack
- ★ Please be sure to visit the sign-ups at the “C” table

