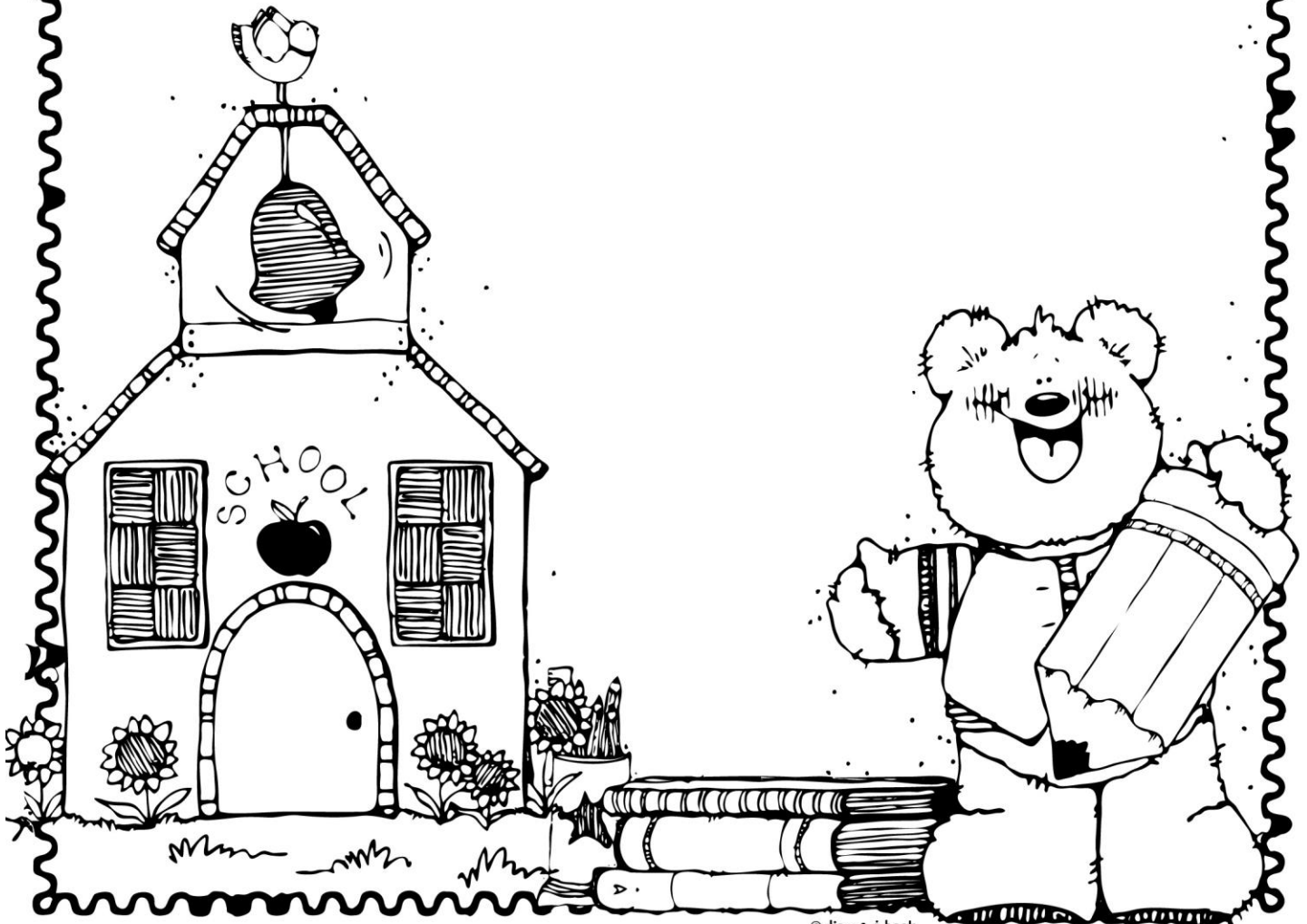


# Welcome to Second Grade!

Hale Kula Elementary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Handbook

School Year 2013-2014





August 5, 2013

Aloha,

Welcome to an exciting year in second grade! The Common Core Language Arts and Math standards are rigorous and relevant. Our goal is to teach the standards in a fun, hands-on approach. We have developed units in science and social studies that actively involve the students.

We believe that students working along with their parents and their teacher make it possible for much growth and success. We created this handbook and hope this information will be beneficial to you. Please sign and return the response form on the last page.

Mahalo,  
The Second Grade Teachers

Mrs. J. Curtis  
Mrs. F. Florexil  
Mr. M. Gomez  
Mrs. T. Roller  
Mrs. T. Taguba  
Ms. F. Takeuchi  
Mrs. S. Tomita  
Ms. K. Uyehara  
Mrs. L. Woods

## Parent-Teacher Communication

The Student Planner is an open line of communication between parents and teacher. If you have any questions or concerns you may write a note in your child's Student Planner. Make sure your child shows the note to his/her teacher first thing in the morning. If the matter is urgent you may contact the school at 622-6380 and leave a message with the office staff.

Please be sure to check the Student Planner daily to review assignments and student behavior. Parents are expected to initial Student Planner **EVERY DAY** to foster responsibility in your child.

The classroom web page is another line of communication. Please bookmark it on your mobile device and/or personal computer so you can stay current with what's happening in our classroom. The classroom links can be found on our school website at [www.halekula.k12.hi.us](http://www.halekula.k12.hi.us)

## Homework Policy

Homework is a review or extension of concepts that have been introduced in class. Homework is given Monday through Thursday.

One daily assignment is for students to read for at least 20 minutes. The reading can be completed independently or with a family member. Some classes will have a reading log to fill out with a parent or guardian signature.

Students will be assigned a KidBiz3000 article to complete weekly. Students will have their own user name and password to gain access at home. If your child doesn't have Internet access at home, please let the teacher know.

Students may be required to complete Reading, Writing, Spelling, Math, Social Studies, or Science assignments as they are assigned. Incomplete homework may result in the loss of recess. If your child is unable to complete his/her homework for a legitimate reason, please write a note to the teacher. Make sure your child shows the note to his/her teacher first thing in the morning.

## Student Homework Responsibilities:

- a. Write daily assignments/reminders in Student Planner.
- b. Take home and return Student Planner.
- c. Turn in homework completed and on time.
- d. Take home and return Wednesday Envelope.

## Parent Homework Responsibilities:

- a. Review and sign Student Planner.
- b. Assist child as needed.
- c. Review and remove notices from Wednesday Envelope, sign, and return

## Projects

Several projects will be assigned during the school year that relate to our social studies and science standards. Turning the projects in on time helps your child become a self-directed learner.

## Classroom Management

Classroom rules will be established on the first day of school and we periodically review them with the class.

Our school is a Tribes school. Tribes is a philosophy of building a community of learners by including everyone. The Tribes process establishes a caring environment for cooperative learning and positive interaction for all groups. A Tribes community functions under four basic agreements:

- Attentive Listening
- Mutual Respect
- Appreciations/No put-downs
- The Right to Pass/Right to Participate

Students are expected to follow the General Learner Outcomes (GLO's) and are graded quarterly on their performance in each area. See the GLO rubric at [doe.k12.hi.us/curriculum/GLO\\_rubric\\_grade1-6.htm](http://doe.k12.hi.us/curriculum/GLO_rubric_grade1-6.htm)  
GLO Performance Indicators:

- GLO #1 Self-Directed Learner
- GLO #2 Community Contributor
- GLO #3 Complex Thinker
- GLO #4 Quality Producer
- GLO #5 Effective Communicator
- GLO #6 Effective and Ethical user of Technology

### Snacks and Water

Students are allowed to bring a snack to eat at morning recess. Please pack a healthy snack. Students aren't allowed to share their snacks due to any allergies of other students. Students may bring a water bottle to drink during the day.

### Birthday Treats

We want your child's birthday to be a meaningful one, while at the same time staying in compliance with the State of Hawaii Wellness Guidelines. If you would like to send your child with a "treat" for each student (ex. pencils stickers, and the like) or for the class as a whole, please try to bring something other than a sugary treat. In addition, please let the teacher know in advance if your child will be bringing in something.

### Field Trips

Field trips are important and they reinforce our second grade curriculum. We usually have one field trip per quarter and we encourage the students to attend these worthwhile experiences. Cash and signed field trip permission form, placed in an envelope or zip-lock bag with your child's name on it, must be turned in to your child's teacher by 8:00 on the due date. This is a school wide policy and strictly enforced. Parents who are interested in volunteering for field trips will need to attend the chaperone training class.

## Resources

Your child will participate in the following resources: Library, Physical Education, Computer, Hawaiian Studies, and Music. Your child's teacher will notify you of resource dates and times.

### Library

- Books need to be returned to the library before school on or before the borrowing day or your child will not be able to borrow a new book.
- Your child needs to have their school ID in order to borrow a book.
- Have a special place to keep your library book at home.

### Physical Education (PE)

- Have your child wear athletic shoes (closed toe)
- Wear comfortable clothes.
- Bring a water bottle.

### Computer

- Your child needs headphones to ensure a quiet learning environment in the computer lab.



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Please **sign, cut,** and **return**

### Second Grade Handbook

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the policies discussed in this handbook.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_