



Room Parent Guide  
TCA North Elementary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Please use the events as guidance to the second grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were run – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities.

## Second Grade Events

Field Trips and chaperones will be coordinated by your classroom teacher. Here is a list – Philharmonic in October, Rock Ledge Ranch in April.

### **At School Enrichments:**

Denver Museum – Digestion, in January

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – Amazing Arthropods in May

### **Grandparent's Day (September – with Field Day)**

Coordinate with your teacher any anticipated needs for this day. It is often nice to have one or two parent volunteers in the classroom to help with escorting the grandparents (they may need to use the elevator vs stairs), providing coffee/tea to them, answering questions. Send a class email as required. Note: The school caters a luncheon to the grandparents on this day – classes need not bring food!

### **Field Day (September – in conjunction with Grandparent's Day)**

Start this event by the end of August. Room parents should discuss with the teacher the class color, shirt design, and how to provide shirts to the class (i.e., parents pay for them, children decorate them, etc.). See previous field day section for more information.

Field day is a school wide half day of outdoor games and fitness fun. Many parent volunteers are needed to make this day a success.

### **Constitution Day (October)**

The children are encouraged to dress up in simple colonial costumes. The children will put on a short program for the parents at the end of the day. Coordinate with your teacher to see what their needs are for this day and help coordinate volunteers. NOTE: Students can recycle their costume that they wore for first grade Colonial Day!

### **Thanksgiving Event (November)**

Talk to your teacher about what they would like to do for a Thanksgiving celebration. Don't let time sneak up on you send out signup sheets!

### **Christmas Party (December)**

Christmas is a busy time of year for many families. It's also a time to express gratitude towards your teacher and tutor. Some class room parents like to coordinate a class gift, others leave teacher/tutor gifts up to each family on an individual basis. Whatever your preference is, let the families know early – many like to shop the after Thanksgiving sales.

Christmas parties usually occur on the last day before Christmas break – discuss with your teacher what they would like to do to celebrate this holiday.

### **Valentine's Day (February)**

Coordinate with your teacher what they would like to do for this holiday. Some teacher's like to have the children decorate gift bags in the classroom and then exchange valentines, and maybe eat a small treat. Remember to send a class list of all the children's names to the parents in the class, also mention giving Valentines is optional – however if you give one, you must give one to everyone! Don't forget to give one to your teacher and tutor.

## **Pioneer Day (February)**

Pioneer Day is a costume dress up day where your child can wear a simple pioneer costume to school (reuse the same one from Colonial Day). Coordinate early (January) with your teacher to find out what their needs are for this event. Mrs. Huddleston's class usually hosts the doll making (many parent volunteer sewers are needed for this) and the tin stamping (start collecting those can tops) – start early, early, early on these.

## **Immigration Day (April)**

The children may dress up like immigrants from any country during the late 1800s or early 1900s. Coordinate with your teacher as many volunteers are needed during this morning only event. The children will experience what it is like to pass through Ellis Island. Student will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about their family history or make a clothespin doll (clothespins are provided by the school). Students are usually asked to bring in a banana for this event.

Note: The teachers will ask if anyone has immigrated from another country to the United States. If so, can they come talk to the children about their experience, share any documents or photographs, and answer any questions.

It is also fun to let families know about this event well in advance so that they may bring in any family photographs or family history to share during immigration. This is a great way to start some wonderful conversations between grandparents and grandchildren about family history and/or stories.

### **Around the World (October or May)**

The children will spend a day in each second grade classroom which will be decorated as a different country. The children will learn about India, China, Japan, and Ancient Greece and participate from these countries. Coordinate with your teacher any needs they may have for these special days.