

Dear Parents,

Hi! My name is Karen Day. I am your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. I am excited to have this opportunity to work with you and your child at Rosalie Elementary School.

This is my twenty-sixth-year teaching. I graduated from Pisgah High School in 1983. I received my teaching degree from Jacksonville State University in 1994 and my master's degree in Education from The University of Tennessee in Chattanooga (UTC) in 2000.

During this school year, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. The easiest and most efficient way to get news to everyone quickly is through "Text Message". You may call me at the school office (256-451-3616) the office will have me call you back as soon as possible. Or email [dayk@jacksonk12.org](mailto:dayk@jacksonk12.org).

I am here for your child and you. Every child is unique, and I have found that every child is gifted. YOUR child is in a family-oriented classroom that I want them to feel welcome in throughout the day. Our motto is "Home Sweet Classroom" because that is what our class is to us. Grades are very important to achieve a higher education. I feel that ALL my children are loved. Each of my students are expected to have a positive attitude toward each other. I strive to have a positive attitude, too. I know that together we can be anything we choose through hard work and effort.

Discipline in my room is usually a bare minimum because I incorporate **Ron Clark's Essential 55** as the rules of my classroom. They are great rules because these rules can follow them from second grade to becoming an adult. Also, these rules help me in the classroom as in the world from day to day.

\*Please locate the rules in the notebook and go over 3 rules a day. For example, the first rule states: 1. Respond to adults with "Yes ma'am" or "No sir". I will enforce and go over these rules daily. **Rules broken:** Your child's name will be placed on the board. If your child receives two check marks beside their name, they will be called out in the hall and I will talk to them. After that, I will call Mr. Roberts and you on the situation. He is our principal and it will be decided between him and you whether corporal punishment should take place.

The following items contain procedures that will help us have a smoother year. Please read them carefully.

**Buses Unload and Car riders 7:15**

**\*1<sup>st</sup> Bell at 7:40**

**\*School starts at 7:45**

**\*Tardy at 7:46**

**\*End of School 2:50 (Bus and Car Riders leave at the same time.)**

\* Your child puts their backpack in my room to go to breakfast. Our school is still receiving the Free Lunch Program. **Every** child has to put in their lunch number in the lunchroom at breakfast and lunch for our program to continue.

1. Please be sure that I know how your child is going home in the afternoon. Furthermore, if it is necessary to change the routine during the year, please do so by **writing a note** and notify me by using "Text Message". Sometimes children get confused where they are supposed to go; therefore, **we will only change the plans if you let us know in writing.**

2. **Vending**: Juice/Water is \$1.00 or bring a snack. Your child can use my refrigerator. I do not have a microwave.

3. **Homework**: Every night your child will bring home his/her notebook. Please look through your child's notebook every day. Also, if you need to **send me any notes**, please place them on the front of their notebook. Furthermore, please place any money in an envelope. \* **Write your child's name and what the money is for on the outside of the envelope or zip lock bag. Place this in the front of your child's notebook.** I have placed a calendar at the back of the notebook to stay throughout the year. Grades are very important to achieve a higher education.

\* On Friday, I will send you an outline of the next week. Also, I will send a Reading sheet out to you with the Amazing words, vocabulary words, and definitions.

4. **Testing Schedule**: All tests will be given on Thursday and Friday. All tests will be reviewed in class. Your child will bring a study review or papers to study from. The tests will be like or similar to the study review. (The schedule is subject to change.)

A. Wednesday: Spelling Pretest: If a 100 is achieved on Thursday's test, your child will not have to retake the test on Friday.

B. Thursday: Spelling and Grammar Tests

C. Friday: Math and Spelling Tests

D. If your child makes a failing grade 59, you will need to sign and return that paper to me where I will file it until the end of the year. If the class doesn't do well on a test, I will consider a possible retake of that particular test.

I will include a Schedule of our class time so you will know what is taking place in the classroom.

Thank you for allowing me to guide your child through this journey of learning. If you have any questions, feel free to send a message via text or email. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve your family.

God Bless Your Family!

Love,  
Ms. Karen

