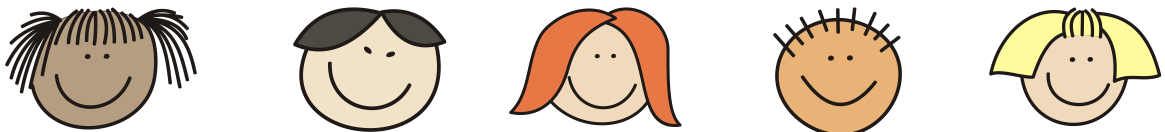
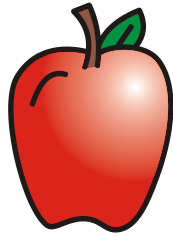


**Second Grade  
Sligo Adventist School  
Mrs. McFadden**

**Parent Handbook  
2008-2009**





Welcome! I am excited to have each of your children in my class this year. I am looking forward to working with all of you to provide a great learning experience for your child. I invite you to contact me anytime you might have questions, concerns, or news to share. I am best contacted by sending a note with your child to school, the school phone at 301-434-1417 x229, or through my email at [karrihill@hotmail.com](mailto:karrihill@hotmail.com) Information is also available on my class website at: [www.geocities.com/karrimcfadden](http://www.geocities.com/karrimcfadden).

I was born and raised in California, but I enjoy living on the East Coast. I have a Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies-Elementary Education and a Master's of Science Degree in Reading. I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Karri Hill McFadden

## **General Information**

### **Absences**

Please send a note to the office or call in if your child is absent. If you have any vacations or planned absences please let me know ahead of time so that I can send work with you or other arrangements can be made.

### **Accelerated Reader**

Students will be participating in the Accelerated Reader program this year, also known as AR. Weekly, sometime more, they will bring home a book to read and when they return to school with the book they will take a short comprehension test on the computer. This program builds reading comprehension and is a great motivator for reading. Students are given a chance to go to the class "book box" and choose a book to keep once for every 20 books they read. Encourage your child to read!

### **Agendas**

Your child will bring home their school agendas everyday, unless I am ill or it is a holiday. Each day the student will write what their homework assignments are. There is also a place for parent and teacher communication. It is very important that your child complete their homework each night and return with their homework and agendas each day.

### **Birthdays**

Birthdays are special, especially for children. If you would like to send in a treat please limit it to one of the following per child: cupcake, cookie, Popsicle, or individually wrapped ice cream. Please let me know ahead of time if you will be sending or bringing in something for your child's birthday so that I can plan ahead.

### **Class work**

All work completed in class will be sent home. Work not completed in class will need to be completed during recess or at home.

### **Contacting Mrs. McFadden**

If you need to speak with me you can call the school at 301-434-1417 x229. Please note that during the school day you will be transferred to my voice mail so that I can focus on teaching your children. Calls will be returned during my break or after school. I encourage parents to email me at any time, my email is: [karrihill@hotmail.com](mailto:karrihill@hotmail.com)

### **Discipline**

The goal of my discipline plan is to help students learn what behavior is appropriate in a school and classroom setting and how to manage their own behavior. Students will meet with me, the assistant principal, or the Principal (depending on the behavior) to discuss behavior problems and make a plan of action for the future. Consequences of behavior problems include partial or full loss of recess, time out or contacting parents for a meeting.

### **Email**

I'd like to make use of today's technology and email you with information (weekly newsletter...) to facilitate that process please send me an email at [karrihill@hotmail.com](mailto:karrihill@hotmail.com) so that I can set up second grade parent group for general announcements.

### **Field Trips**

Parents are always welcome to join us on our field trips. There will be an entrance fee for some trips and depending on the bus space available driving might be necessary. Here is our field trip schedule (it's also on the school calendar):

October 1 - Butler's Orchard

February 18 - Baltimore Aquarium  
March 25 - National Mall, Air and Space Museum  
May 20- Wheaton Regional Park

### **Grades**

First and second grade will be using A, B, C, D, and F this year.  
Minimum percentages for each letter grade are as follows:

A = 94.5%  
A- = 89.5%  
B+ = 85.5%  
B = 82.5%  
B- = 79.5%  
C+ = 75.5%  
C = 72.5%  
C- = 69.5%  
D+ = 65.5%  
D = 62.5%  
D- = 59.5%  
F = below 59.4%

Quarterly awards will be given for Honor Roll and Principals List (both based on GPA) as well as attendance and citizenship.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher conference days are scheduled in the school calendar. If you would like to meet with me at another date please contact me personally to schedule a conference. Please note that I will not be able to meet with you to discuss your child in the morning or after school unless you have made an appointment.

### **Pick Up/Drop Off Time**

Please do not plan to meet with me at the beginning or end of the school day unless we have a scheduled meeting. That is my time to focus on the students. If you regularly pick up or drop off your child at the classroom, please allow them to enter on their own or wait outside the door for them to exit. While students are present the classroom is a learning environment and we want to enable all students to focus without interruption.

### **Volunteers**

Parent volunteers in the classroom are always welcome! Let me know when you are coming and come ready to work! The following are options for parent helpers: covering class library books with contact paper, assisting with AR testing, reading with small groups in the school library, recess play time, room parent - party planning. Contact me if you'd like to be a room parent or volunteer regularly so we can set up a schedule!

### **Website**

You can keep up to date with what is happening in our classroom by checking my website at:

<http://www.geocities.com/karrimcfadden>