



ROBERT J. O'BRIEN STEM ACADEMY

Second Grade Compact

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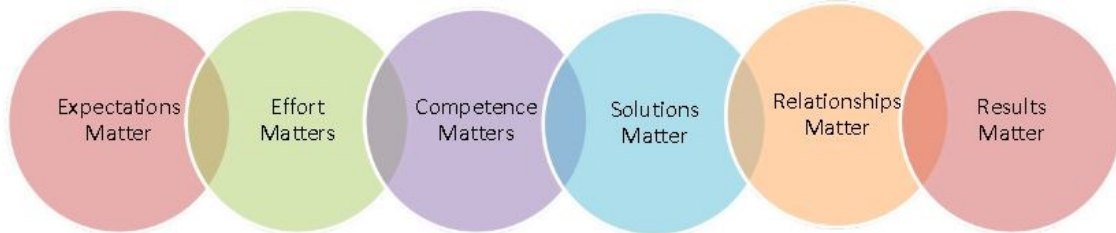
A High Quality Learning Experience for Every Child, Every Day

Schools that are the Pride of our Community



O'Brien STEM Academy Mission

The O'Brien STEM Academy community will work in partnership to educate all students to their fullest potential. We will ensure that our students develop into respectful citizens and world-class learners who are prepared to meet global challenges in the 21st century.



Please sign up for eNotify on www.easthartford.org to learn more about important things happening at Robert J. O'Brien

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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In Our Second Grade Classrooms

Literacy

FUNdations is a phonics program that teaches trick words, syllable types, prefixes and suffixes

Reading: Using the Workshop model students will:

- Learn how to read and analyze literature and non-fiction
- Increase comprehension by using specific strategies

- Increase vocabulary and fluency

Writing: Using the workshop model students will write:

- Narrative –real experiences or events
- Informational—writing to inform or explain
- Opinion—writing to support a viewpoint

Math

- Pearson Realize
- Number Talks
- FAST Math
- Adding & Subtracting within 20 and 1,000.
- Measurement, Geometry
- Time
- Money

Together is Better-School and Home Connection

Here are some ways you can support your child's success throughout the year.

In Second Grade, students should practice at home:

- Build reading stamina—should read up to 45 minutes by the end of the year.
- Reading Comprehension Strategies
- Trick Words
- Take-home Book Bags

Key Connections and Communication

Major learnings:

- Huge year for growth in reading, writing and mathematics
 - Writing Paragraphs
 - Adding/Subtracting 3 digits
 - Regrouping

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Second Grade Parent and Teacher Compact

The parents, students and staff of Robert J. O'Brien STEM Academy developed this School-Parent Compact for Student Achievement. Teachers outlined and suggested grade level expectations, parents added ideas to make them more specific and everyone came together to develop an at-home resource for families. Meetings will be held annually to review the Compact and make changes based on students' needs.

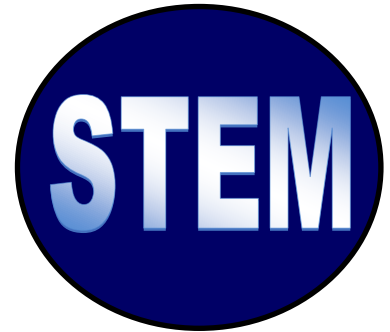
Parents can contribute comments at any time.

Technology

- Technology Coach for Teacher Professional Development
- Four student computers in every classroom
- iPads for each classroom
- Two Computer Labs
- Storia
- Adobe Voice
- Designated Technology Class

Science

- STEM Coach for Teacher Professional Development
- STEM Lab with a K-2 focus on beginning Inquiry
- Departmentalized grades in 3-5 to support one hour of Science daily.
- Inquiry model learning and Engineering units
- Curriculum-based Field Trips



2nd Grade Science/Social Studies

- Engineering is Elementary
- Matter
- Plants
- Nutrition
- Soil
- Our Community: Urban, Rural, Suburban

Behavior Hall of Fame

Students are selected by their homeroom teachers to join the Behavior Hall of Fame in recognition of their positive behavior and consistent following of our Three Ways To Be. After nomination by the teacher, a student's family is invited to attend the next Behavior Hall of Fame breakfast, where their child's achievement will be recognized.

O'Brien "Three Ways to Be"

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

Building Partnerships with Families

Family and Community Fun Nights

Here are a few of the ways students, teachers and families work together to achieve our goals!

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or receive more information about our Food Pantry and Family Resource Center, please contact:

Margie Williams
860-622-5777

Back to School Fair
O'Brien Open House
Cultural Night
STEM Career Fair
Invention Convention
Commit to Stay Fit
Black History Night
Parent Talk Café
Engineering Night
Science Fair
Summer Reading Chal-

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance and participation in the classroom support student growth. O'Brien staff recognize and celebrate students with strong attendance on an ongoing basis.

To promote communication, we ask that families contact the school if their child will be absent or tardy. O'Brien will communicate with families through daily phone calls if your child is absent, attendance notices and letters. By working together, we will ensure that our students are successful.

Around Town

- East Hartford Library
860-289-6429
- Crossroads After School Program
860-622-5153
- YMCA Programs
860-289-6612
- Parks and Recreation
860-291-7160
- O'Brien Main Office
860-622-5760

Nurse's Corner

For the health and safety of all children, please keep your child home if:

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Severe cough
- Nasal congestion with yellow/green mucus
- Eye redness with drainage
- Sore throat with fever
- Stomachache with fever

Your child may return if:

No fever for 24 hours

No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours

A sore throat, eye redness are seen by a doctor

Nurse Swaun
860-622-5763

Student Uniforms

Where to buy: CT Shirtman, 70 Tolland Street East Hartford, CT
Phone Number: (860) 216- 5496

Shirt Colors: Navy, gray or green with STEM logo. Shirts with the EH logo or missing the O'Brien STEM logo are not acceptable. Solid black or white shirts may be worn under the STEM uniform shirt.

Pant/Skirt/Shorts Colors: Black or khaki uniform style. Jeans, leggings, navy bottoms/dresses and colorful tights are not acceptable. Solid color tights, e.g., black or white, may be worn under uniform style bottoms. Solid black or gray sweatpants can be worn on PE days.

Shoes: Sneakers must be worn on gym days. Sock colors must be black, white, gray, brown or tan. Flip flops, slide-in shoes or slippers of any style (including moccasins or slipper boots) are not acceptable.

Outerwear, hats, slippers and tights with patterns or colors will not be permitted.

