# Dear Parents,

Let me first start off by thanking you for sending your child to Springdale Elementary School. This year will be very exciting as well as challenging because we are going virtual! We will explore so many things virtually in math, writing and social studies, but before I get into the curriculum, let me first, tell you a little about myself.

My name is Miss Venus A. Smith. I have been teaching elementary school here in Memphis for 28 years and in Earle, Arkansas, for 2 years. I am also a product of Memphis City Schools as my parents and family were, also. I have one son who attended East High School and is a graduate of Tennessee State University. Last year, was my fifth-year teaching 2nd grade, and I must say that “I love It”! My expectations are high dealing with positive behavior and conduct as well as in academics, especially in academics. I also believe that in order for this school year to positive and wonderful, we must work together. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions during my planning times 10:35-11:25 Monday- Wednesday and Friday. The school number is 416-4883 and my email address is Smithva@scsk12.org

The format for math will focus on their math test weighing approximately 70 percent of the assessment items on major work of the grade and approximately 30 percent of the items on supporting and additional work. Student mastery of fluency, ability to solve, and understanding of the grade-level standards will be assessed. The math curriculum that will be used will be coming from the Eureka Math Series as it was last year. In Social Studies, your child will learn about government and civics, economics, geography, history and as well as learning more about who we are as Americans and our various cultures.

All of our students here at Springdale are expected to follow virtual classroom rules which are:

1. Work in a quiet place 2. Participate in virtual classroom activities 3. Be respectful to others 4. Keep microphones muted unless teacher asks you to unmute them. 5. Use the raise your hand button on your device before speaking 6. Listen pay attention when teacher is speaking or if classmate is asking a question. 7. Keep cameras on

Once again, I am so excited and I can’t wait to teach and explore your child as well as working with you too!

Sincerely,

Ms. V. Smith

**“Students don’t care about how much you know until they know how much you care”**