

News from Grade 2

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Your child is beginning an exciting year that will include participating in the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time.

Each evening, please help your child review papers in his/her folder. Papers on the home side of the folder may be kept at home. Papers on the school side of the folder need to be completed or studied and returned to school.

The white envelopes will be sent home on Wednesdays. Most weeks there will be a folder in the envelope that contains your child's completed work. Please keep the papers that are in the folder and return the folder in the envelope.

This year, your child will be recording homework assignments on an assignment sheet that will be given to him/her at the beginning of each week. This sheet should be kept on the school side of your child's folder for the entire week.

Please make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each morning. A small, healthy snack (such as a few crackers or some fruit) may be sent with your child each day for morning recess. Many students complain of stomachaches during the morning if they have not eaten breakfast and/or a snack at recess. **IMPORTANT:** Snacks may not contain nuts. Recess snacks will be eaten outside prior to recess, so your child will need to be responsible for any containers you want brought home.

Students may bring store-bought treats to share with the class on their birthdays. Please do not send anything that needs to be kept cold. Treats may not contain nuts.

Second grade is mostly self-contained. I will be teaching all of the classes except the following: Music and Art (Mr. Spann), P.E. (Mr. Beste), and STEM and Computer (Mrs. Boenker).

Religion News

Please complete the Baptism information sheet that is in the Wednesday envelope as soon as possible. This will be used throughout the year for sacrament preparation. Please include your child's first, middle, and last names. If you don't know the exact date, I can complete that section with information from the office.

Math News

The math series emphasizes frequent review of skills. Most lessons include one or two pages that are to be completed for homework. Please check your child's folder each evening to see that the homework sheets are completed and sign the facts practice sheet as requested. It is okay to go over errors with your child and have him/her correct them. I try to plan math tests for the last day of the week so your child does not have math homework on the weekends. Some weeks, however, this is not possible. Please check your child's assignment sheet each evening to see if he/she has homework.

Language Arts News

We will be using the Superkids Reading Program this year. This is a complete language arts program that covers phonics, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, grammar, comprehension, and creative writing skills.

Handwriting News

We will begin the year by reviewing all of the printed letters. I plan to begin teaching cursive writing as soon as the students are ready. Please do not let your child attempt to write cursive until letters are learned at school as incorrect habits may be formed.

Social Studies/Science News

Social studies and science will be taught on a rotational basis. The topics taught will be based on the Archdiocesan common standards with the textbook and other resources being used as tools to help with the lessons. These two classes will be graded T (taught) instead of a letter grade.

Conduct

Students will earn play pennies for demonstrating responsible actions throughout the day. These pennies will be traded for nickels, dimes, etc. to help teach money skills. The money will accumulate to purchase rewards.

Fast Direct

Please check my bulletin board and calendar on Fast Direct for weekly updates on what we are learning in second grade. My weekly newsletter will appear on my bulletin board page no later than Thursday. My calendar lists the topics that will be taught during the upcoming week.

You are the primary educator of your child. I am looking forward to working with you this year. If you ever have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me through Fast Direct. I usually check this site between 3:00-3:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Sincerely,
Miss Donna Reuber