

Welcome to Second Grade! This year students will enhance their reading, writing and math skills. The children will prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

### **Homework**

Your child will have homework Monday through Thursday. Please make sure you check your child's planner and our class page on the school website every night for homework and announcements. I require all homework to be neat and completed on time. If your child is absent, please check the school website for the homework assignment. Take home folders will also come home every night. Please check the content of the folder and return the folder to school the next day. To keep your child organized, please empty the take home folder each night.

### **Tests**

The students will have assessments throughout the year. Spelling tests will be given every Friday. Foundations assessments will be given at the end of each Unit. Students will have various types of assessments in the new Reading Program. Tests in Mathematics, Religion, Science and Social Studies will also be given. These tests will be announced and study guides will be sent home. The grading policy is as follows:

### **ELA**

#### **45% Assessments:**

Wit and Wisdom End of Module Tasks , Foundations Unit Exams, Wit and Wisdom New Read Assessments

#### **35 % Quizzes**

Vocabulary Quiz, Spelling Quiz, Wit and Wisdom Focusing Question Task, any extra teacher-made quizzes (grammar, comprehension, etc,)

#### **15%-Classwork:**

Response Journals, Effort, teamwork, participation in all classroom tasks

#### **5%-HW:**

Response Journals, Completion of assignments and Reading Log

## **Religion**

Homework: 10%  
Participation: 15%  
Projects: 10%  
Test: 65%

## **Mathematics**

Homework: 10%  
Participation: 10%  
Quiz: 20%  
Test: 60%

## **Science and Social Studies**

Homework: 15%  
Participation: 15%  
Projects: 30%  
Test: 40%

## **Attendance and Lateness**

It is very important that your child arrive to school on time every day. If your child is absent, please notify the school by email or phone. An absent note is required the day your child returns to school.

## **Snack/Lunch**

Please send a healthy snack/drink and lunch with your child each day. We will also have snack on half days. I ask that you please send all drinks in a thermos that fits in your child's lunch box. Please do not send juice boxes, Gatorade bottles or bottles of water.

**We are a peanut free school. Please let me know if your child has any food allergies.**

## **Birthdays**

Birthday celebrations are welcome. Your child's birthday will be recognized as a special day in our classroom. If you would like to send in a treat to school to celebrate your child's birthday, please let me know the day before. We will also celebrate ½ birthdays for all students that have summer birthdays. I do this so

that every student has their own special day. I will let you know the date we will celebrate your child's ½ birthday. We have 9 boys and 19 girls in our class. \* If you are having a birthday party, and you would like to send in invitations to hand out at school, please make sure everyone is included. This may either be all the boys, all the girls, or the entire class.

### **Specials**

Monday-Gym & Art

Tuesday-Spanish

Thursday-STEM

Friday-Art

Both Second Grades attend 9 A.M. mass on Monday. Please join us if you are free.

### **Journal Writing**

The students will write in their journals each day. They will be given a monthly writing prompt calendar which will be kept in their notebook. They will use the calendar to write journal entries. The goal of the journal writing is to get the children excited about writing and to get them to take responsibility for their own writing.

### **Wit & Wisdom**

Wit & Wisdom is the reading program we will be using this year. It is designed to challenge students in a positive and productive way, to build their knowledge of the world around them. The goal of the program is to work on the skills that they need to be strong readers, critical thinkers, skilled writers, and excellent communicators.

### **Problem of the Week**

A math Problem of the Week will be given every Friday and will be due the following Wednesday. The Problem of the Week will be graded as a quiz. Each Problem of the Week will be graded as follows:

E (Excellent): 100%

G (Good) 90%

S (Satisfactory) 80%

N (Needs Improvement): 70%

U (Unsatisfactory) 60%

**Stop, Drop and Read**

Our class will spend 10 minutes after lunch each day reading a book of interest. Your child must have an independent reading book of their choice in school each day.

**Money for class trips, book fairs and any other school events must be placed in an envelope with your child's name or it will not be accepted.**

I am looking forward to a great year with you and your children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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