

Welcome to 2nd Grade! This will be a great year. Your children will learn many new things!

Here are some of our goals for your child in 2nd Grade:

To grow in their love for God and neighbor

To further develop their Christian conscience

To develop a sense of responsibility

To like himself or herself

To appreciate their own talents

**To have good manners and develop self control TO LEARN HOW TO
SOLVE A PROBLEM**

Our Second Grade Curriculum Includes:

Religion: Reconciliation, First Communion, the Rosary, Mass Preparation

Math: Addition and Subtraction facts to 18, Double Digit Computation, Regrouping, Word Problems, Time, Money, Statistics

Language Arts: Our second grade literacy program, *Superkids*, includes Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Phonics, Decoding, Critical Thinking, and Library Skills.

Handwriting: A highlight of each Second Grader's life is learning how to write in cursive.

Book Reports: Book Reports begin in September or October. One report is due each month. Chapter books are required. No picture books will be accepted. Each book must be approved before it can be read for a book report. Please read with your child a little each night.

Science: Changes in Weather, Plant and Animal Life Cycles, Concepts of Sound and Forms of Matter

Social Studies: Maps, Globes, Landforms, How People Live, Celebrate and Get Along

Physical Education, Computer, Spanish, Library, Music and Art are weekly subjects outside the classroom.

Homework Assignments: This year we will use planners to record assignments. Please be sure to ask your child to see the planner each day. All homework needs to be checked, and your child's planner needs to be signed. If your son or daughter forgets their planner, please have them call a classmate for details. You can also access FACTS for information on all assignments.

Odds and Ends

Snacks need to be healthy foods. Greasy snacks are unhealthy, as well as messy. Some easy snacks include crackers, pretzels, carrot sticks, raisins, cheese sticks, grapes, popcorn, and granola bars. Don't forget the spoons and forks for snacks in a cup. Please send in **water bottles**. This cuts down on trips outside the room.

Please **practice** the following age-appropriate developmental skills at home: put a paperclip on a group of papers, wrap a rubber band around a group of objects, tie shoes or sneakers, and tie a knot in a string.

Please **read to your child** at least two to three times a week or more. This increases vocabulary usage, understanding of text, and fluency concepts.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

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