

Welcome to 2nd Grade!

I am so excited about the year ahead of us! It is my goal to make learning fun and provide various ways for students to learn, process, and apply the material covered. Important school and class policies will be covered in this packet. Please return the family questionnaire by next week or tomorrow if possible. If you have any questions, please contact me via email llindberg@stmarys-temple.org or by phone 778-8141. I am available for conferences after school and can arrange meetings during the day. Thank you for your support and for sending your child to St. Mary's Catholic School. We are going to have a great year!

Your child will be part of a Christian community that will work together to grow in faith, blessed by the opportunity to share their faith with others. They will be encouraged to share what they learn with their families.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16

Monday-Website

Every week on Monday morning the Second grade website will be ready to find information regarding homework for the week, objectives that will be taught during the week, and information about upcoming events. Math Homework for the week will be included in the Take Home folder and will be due on Thursday of that week. Homework will be a part of their final grade. Spelling words will be practiced doing a choice of 2 spelling activities due on Friday.

Recess:

Students will have outdoor recess twice daily, with the exception of extreme weather. It is important that students stay well hydrated. Please send a filled water bottle to school with your child daily. Water will be provided for children to keep their water bottles filled. As the weather cools, please send students to school with appropriate outerwear.

Rules: We will recite the following rules daily and students will be asked to identify and exhibit behaviors that exemplify each rule.

1. Keep all body parts to yourself.
2. Work diligently on the assignment.
3. Show respect to all students and staff.

4. Listen when someone else is talking.
5. Follow directions quickly.

Behavior:

Students will be given opportunities to practice following the rules and reflect on their behavior. For positive reinforcement, students will earn play money which they can use throughout the year during class sales.

In the event that a student doesn't follow the rules, they will receive a warning and opportunity to redirect their behavior. Parents will be notified in their take home folder. A consequence may be loss of portion of free play recess.

Take Home Folder:

Students have a take home folder that should be returned to school daily. Inside the folder is the calendar with school events and look for notes from me. Most days will have a word or two about how your child's day was from me or a sticker which means great behaviour.

Dress code:

- Boys are to wear blue and white striped shirts (Mass shirt) or light blue polo shirt with school logo daily. On Mass days, Thursdays and Holy Days of Obligation, boys must wear mass shirts, pants, belts and ties.
- Girls may wear light blue polo shirt with school logo and navy skorts or navy jumper with school logo and white shirt. On Mass days, Thursdays and Holy Days of Obligation, girls must wear their jumper with school logo and white shirt.
- Spirit Days will take place every Friday. Spirit Day dress is as follows: gray St. Mary's Catholic School t-shirt, properly fitted blue jeans with a navy, black, or brown belt, and school shoes. Capris and walking shorts are also allowed.
- Only school sweaters and school-emblem fleece jackets can be worn inside the classroom and church during Mass. Each child has a hook in the classroom to hang up winter coats or rain jackets. During cold weather, winter coats and other non-school jackets will be placed under the pews during Mass.

Field Trips: (no field trips in the Fall this year)

Parents will be needed to provide transportation for field trips when we can have them, which will be in the spring semester. Parents must be in compliance with the Diocesan requirements when volunteering at St. Mary's. All volunteers within the Catholic Church are required to complete an application that will be kept on file with the Diocese and attend an EIM workshop every three years. More information can be found at www.austindiocese.org. The link directing you to the correct section of the website is eAppsDB.

Sacraments:

During religion class, we will prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. The church office must have a copy of the child's birth certificate and Baptism certificate. If you attend a parish other than St. Mary's, your child has a choice of receiving these sacraments at your home parish or at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Those who receive their sacraments at St. Mary's will join with children from the parish religious education program. There will be classes /meetings for parents and children to attend: Wednesday, Nov. 11 Dec. 9 and Jan.6 (retreat) children only 6:30-7:45, Feb.24, Mar.31, and Apr. 28 for Practice and retreat. First Reconciliation has been scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 10:0 a.m. and First Communion will be Sunday, May 2 at 11:30.

If you choose for your child to receive sacraments at St. Mary's and are a member of another parish, please ask your pastor to write a letter giving permission for your child to receive sacraments at St. Mary's. If you choose for your child to receive sacraments at your home parish, please contact the director of religious education to learn parish requirements for Catholic school students.

Drop off and dismissal:

Students may be dropped off in the cafeteria beginning at 7:00 a.m. before school. They will be supervised until 7:40 when they will be released to their classrooms. Please see the letter from Mrs. Wyles about the drop off and pick up procedures. All students should be prepared for the day by 8:00 to join the school in the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer. It is extremely important that your child is in the classroom by 8:00.

We will dismiss at 3:25 after closing prayer. Students will be escorted to the cul-de-sac by school safety patrol.

Curriculum:

Students will receive instruction in the following classes: math, language arts, religion, science, social studies, music, art, physical education, and Spanish. The TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) are the objectives that will be taught for the academic subjects of math, language arts, social studies, and science. The standards for Religion are provided by the Diocese.

Students are enrolled in www.thinkcentral.com to practice second grade math concepts and to use if they forget book pages for homework. Students' usernames and passwords will be sent home soon, so students can access their accounts from home. If you have internet access at home, please encourage your child to log in to mathletics regularly.

Our religion curriculum comes from the Diocese of Austin. Our textbook is *We Believe*. Students can play games and practice chapter reviews.

<https://religion.sadlierconnect.com>

Accelerated Reading

We utilize the Accelerated Reading program to help students improve in their reading skills. Students will take a computerized test to assess their reading level and identify areas for improvement. With this information, students will create goals for each grading period and will read to accomplish their goal. Students will read books that are on their level, and then take a test to show comprehension. The program will track their progress, keeping a record of the books they've read and their success on the tests. Students are expected to read daily and record their reading on the reading log which will come later in the year.

Thank you again for your support. We make a partnership for your child's learning. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

BIRTHDAYS

At this time we can not celebrate birthdays with food until further notice. The school has birthday stickers and we have a bulletin board recognizing their special days. I will try to let them have a special job or something on their birthday.

Family Questionnaire

Parent's name(s): _____

Child's name: _____ Birthday _____

Best phone number(s) to call: _____

Email address: _____

My child attends _____ (Name of Church)

It is my desire for my child to celebrate the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion at _____ (Name of Parish)

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Do you have any special skills or abilities you would like to share with the class?

What are your goals for your child this year in second grade?

Is there anything else you would like me to know about your child?

I have read the classroom policies. _____

Parent's signature