

Good Sheppard Parish
Second Grade Religious Education

Dear Parents:

Welcome, as your child's catechist, I extend warm greetings as we begin our classes together. This year, as your child grows they will come to know God better. We hope that we can work closely throughout the days ahead to help nurture your child's faith.

Please try to have your child be prompt, so that the students will not be disturbed once class has started. Each absence must be accompanied by a note.

I ask that you treat this class with the same importance as your child's regular academic classes. I ask that you sit with your child and check their folders. This review with your child will enable you to discuss the lesson at home. We ask that upon completion of any homework assignment that you sign it and have your child return it at the following class.

The focus of this year's classes are the Sacraments of First Penance and Holy Eucharist. We will prepare your child to receive these very special sacraments that advance their initiation into the Church. We will study about the Mass and prayer and the important part they have in our Christian life when combined with the Sacraments.

It is necessary for your child's religious growth that he/she attends Mass every week, to help them celebrate with their Parish family, their life in Christ and prepare them for the actual Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

As we begin to share the responsibility of your child's religious growth, let us pray for each other and hope that our efforts will bear much fruit. Throughout the year let us constantly be aware of the privilege we share.

It is our sincere hope that by discussing what was taught in class you and your child will be able to communicate more easily about the decisions they make to live as children of God. Living Jesus' command to love one another will take a lifetime, but preparing your child to receive the Sacraments is an excellent opportunity for your family to support one another in living the Great Commandment.

Thank you for your confidence in us and your support. Our prayers are with you and your child as we begin this time of preparation for the celebration of these two Sacraments.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or problems you may have. I can be reached after each class or on my cell phone at 732-887-7947. I look forward to working with you and your child, meeting every one of you and to a very productive and enjoyable year.

CLASSROOM RULES

1. NO TOUCHING ANYTHING IN THE CLASSROOM
2. NO TOUCHING CLASSMATES/TEACHERS PROPERTY
3. NO RUNNING
4. NO HITTING ANYONE
5. NO TALKING WHEN SOMEONE ELSE IS TALKING
6. ASK PERMISSION BEFORE GOING TO THE BATHROOM
7. NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PERMISSION
8. IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING, ASK.