



August 9, 2017

Dear Grade 2 Students and Families,

Welcome to second grade! I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year.

Curriculum areas we will focus on this year include Religion ("We Believe" Program), Math (McGraw-Hill publisher), a new Reading series (Harcourt's "Journeys"), Handwriting ("Writing Our Catholic Faith" Manuscript and introduction to Cursive), Phonics and Spelling (VoWac: "Vowel Oriented Word Attack Course"), Social Studies (Social Studies Weekly publication), and Science (Diocesan resources). I will also integrate curricular subjects with Art and Music. Computer-based programs are iStation (Reading) and AOM (Academy of Math).

Students are asked to bring the following supplies the first day of school: A backpack, lunch with a cloth to protect the table from spills if your child packs, proper uniform (see Handbook), pretzel rod money (10 cents each, limit 2 per day), and/or a light snack (finger foods; nothing messy, please). Optional items are markers, colored pencils, and /or one or two books for silent reading.

For our homework policy, see and initial our Homework Contract. For behavioral expectations, see Code of Conduct Contract, which will be sent the first week of school.

Special events planned for the year include Back-to-School Night, Conferences, Christmas Program, Catholic Schools Week with Career Day, (I am the coordinator), Arts Day, liturgies and prayer services. See school calendar and communication envelopes for dates. In the spring we integrate Art and Science at the Banana Factory. Please mark those dates on your calendar. Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the strongest indicators of student achievement. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out (we need a homeroom parent), contact me at 610-504-6440 (call or text), 610-868-2621X312. The best times to reach me are: text any time, call before 9:00 PM. Email: [gabrielp@holyi.org](mailto:gabrielp@holyi.org).

Once again, welcome to second grade. Let's work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,



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