



Welcome to Second Grade at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic School!

I am very excited to have your child in my class and I look forward to a fun year of learning together. This page contains important information that I hope will help answer some general questions about our classroom. Classroom news will also be communicated home weekly as the year gets underway. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

CLASSROOM GOALS/EXPECTATIONS/HOMEWORK

Do your best. Be respectful. Have fun.

Students will have weekly homework expectations in Reading, Math and Spelling. I will ask for your help in monitoring their homework routine. More details to follow.

RULES/GUIDELINES

We will have a group discussion when school begins about what is expected in our classroom. We will talk about what makes our classroom a safe, fun, and respectful place to learn. Once we develop our *Classroom Code of Conduct*, the students will sign off on it and a copy will be sent home to share with their families. Should a problem situation arise involving your student, I will send home a pink discipline form entitled "Behavior Report—Learning to Manage Myself". Your student will be responsible for writing what happened and what the plan of action is to correct the problem. There is a comment area for you to fill in if you wish. Please sign the form and have your student return it to me.

CLASSROOM COMMUNICATIONS

Weekly Update

At the end of each week your child will receive an update. This update will include a calendar of classroom and school events as well as details about what is being covered in each subject area. Please pay special attention to these updates because they are my primary means of communication to you. It will highlight test dates, spelling lists, classroom field trips, special events, and much more. The weekly update will also be posted on my teacher page on the school website, along with other helpful information. Specific classroom information will be available on Sycamore.

Progress Report

Students will receive a progress report every other Friday. This will highlight both behavioral and academic areas. Please review, sign, and return on Monday.

Redhawk Report

The Redhawk Report is published on-line every Friday. If you would like a hard copy, please notify the office and it will be sent home with the youngest student in your family. This is important information from the school office. Please read this report carefully!

Daily Folders/ Friday Folders

The students will have daily folders to transport home any papers, notes, etc. that need to be communicated on a daily basis. They will also have a Friday folder for the Weekly Update, Redhawk Report (for those requesting a hard copy), and other end-of-the week paperwork. The student's folder should be returned on the following school day.

SNACK

Students will be given about 15 minutes every day to enjoy a snack. Sending a snack with your student is optional. I have found that most students are ready for a nibble mid-morning. **Please note that we do not provide community-style snacks.** The snacks should be brought from home and left inside the child's backpack until snack time. If a utensil is required, please send one along with your child. **The snack should be nutritious.** Fruit, granola, yogurt, crackers, and cereal bars are a few suggested snacks. Please do not send pop, chips, or candy.

CELEBRATIONS

If your child has a birthday during the school year, we will have a small celebration in our classroom during snack time. Although optional, if you choose to send a birthday treat, please be aware that State Health Law prohibits home-made treats in the classroom. You may send a store-bought snack (or a non-food novelty item) for the class. **Treats should be modest in nature and easily served by your 2nd Grader during our 15-minute snack time. Please be respectful of classmates' allergies/dietary restrictions.**

If your child's birthday falls on the weekend or over a vacation, please send a note as to the day we will honor your child's birthday. Summer birthdays may choose their half-birthday or anytime during the month of May. Just let me know in advance what your preference is. **(We have 10 students in our class.)** As your child's birthday nears, I will send home a letter that allows you to tell about the day your child was born. I will read this aloud during the birthday celebration. If your child was adopted, I have a separate form you can use if you wish. Just let me know.

STAR STUDENT

Once the school year gets underway, we will feature a Star Student each week. A schedule has been prepared. Your child will be reminded the week before and will bring home three white pieces of paper and an information form. You may help your child fill out the form and place photos on the empty pages. If you do not wish to use all three white pieces for photos, your child may illustrate one of them to be displayed instead. The pictures will be displayed on our Star Student Bulletin Board from Monday to Friday and returned to you the following Monday. The Star Student may also bring in up to 3 special items to share with the class. These may be brought in at any time during his/her designated week and your child will be able to talk about each item when time permits.

VOLUNTEERS

I appreciate and enjoy having parent helpers in the classroom and will try to provide many opportunities. As the year gets underway, I will send home volunteer information and sign-up sheets. If you are interested, please return the form(s) as soon as possible. All volunteers must have completed required background checks and VIRTUS training. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated!! Thank you in advance!!

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

In 2nd Grade, Reconciliation and First Communion are part of our Religion curriculum. Additional preparation for receiving these very special sacraments will be done through your parish. You will be sent mailings prior to informational events here at Saint Rose of Lima Church. If your student will be receiving his/her sacraments at a different church, please contact your parish for specifics. If your student was baptized in another faith, please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Debbie McPherson at 651.357.1212, for more information. Reconciliation takes place in January and First Communion takes place in the spring.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I hope this information helps to prepare you for the coming year. I look forward to working together with you and helping to make this a memorable year for your student.

Sincerely,

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