

## Second Grade Parent/Classroom Information

### Classwork

Your child will have several assignments during the school day for which he or she is responsible. Due to uncertain circumstances, if your child for any reason is unable to complete an assignment, this will automatically become homework to be completed at home and returned to school the following day. It is the student's responsibility to return work to the appropriate area **WITHOUT** any reminders. Please talk to your child about the importance of completing and turning in assignments independently, this helps to build a sense of responsibility and pride in his/her work.

If students do not complete daily work (reading or math assignments, etc.), they will be expected to finish these assignments as well as assigned homework.

### Homework/Daily Practice

- Students will be assigned daily work to reinforce concepts and practice skills at their independent level. This is a tool for the teacher to monitor student understanding and allow time for extra practice and skill development.
- Daily Practice will be done at the end of every day in centers. If your child needs extra practice or is unable to complete work in class some additional work may be sent home.

Students will be expected to read a minimum of 20 minutes every night for their homework. Books will be varied; some sent home, some chosen independently. The key is to always ensure the books chosen are at their "just right" reading level and are also interesting to your children. Please listen to your children read; allowing them to read aloud to you will help build their reading skills. Some night's students will have the same books as previous nights. Rereading books helps students develop fluency and aid comprehension. Reading comprehension is key to becoming an excellent reader. If the book is a longer chapter book, the child may only read a chapter or so. Please ask your child questions about the book he/she reads to you. It is very important to be consistent with reading every night. The more opportunities your child has to experience text, the stronger reader he/she will become. Book reports/reviews will be sent home on Monday and need to be returned on Friday. Reports should be completed by the child independently.

## Classroom Rules/Procedures

In order to provide students with the excellent educational climate they deserve, the students and teacher will develop a Discipline Plan that will be in effect at all times. During the first few weeks of school we will write a Class Promise together, which will describe what our expectations for learning and behavior will be this year. We will guide the discussion so that our Class Promise reflects the following expectations.

1. Organizes self and materials
2. Works independently
3. Ask questions/ seeks help when needed
4. Completes tasks in a timely manner
5. Uses self control
6. Exhibits good listening skills
7. Accepts responsibility for behavior
8. Works cooperatively with others
9. Controls talking
10. Follows directions
11. Shows respect

**\*We will also be discussing the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Learning Expectations, Please refer to Edline to review these expectations with your child.**

I will be using the Bank of Rebuck as a positive reinforcement tool for behavior. Students will earn coins to deposit in their bank when they are exhibiting responsible and/or Christ like behaviors. Coins can also be lost for inappropriate or irresponsible behaviors. Coins accumulated will result in student privileges.

In the event of a more serious offense such as blatant disrespect to a teacher, cursing, fighting, damaging school property, etc., the student will be sent to the administration for immediate action.

## Student Folders

- Student homework folders will be sent home on Monday's. Please be sure to check your child's folder, as it will contain communications, homework assignments, and book reports/reviews.
- Students will additionally have a daily dictation folder that will go home every Friday and be returned to class every Monday. The daily dictation folder will contain all their weekly work.
- If you have any concerns or questions, please let me know by writing a note in your child's folder or by email.

## Attendance

**Attendance at school is important for every student. Frequent absences from school significantly affect your child's performance and academic success. Please make every effort to have your child present each and every day. However, I understand that there are times when children need to be absent due to illnesses or other family issues. Please notify the teacher of any planned absences so assignments can be given in advance.**

**Students need to arrive on time to school daily. Students arriving at school after the first bell must be signed in at the office. Chronic tardiness affects your child's ability to be successful in class, and will result in calls home and notification of administration.**

**Early Pick-Up: We are very busy all day in our class. Please try to arrange doctor/dentist appointments outside of school hours because anytime your child comes in late or leaves early they miss valuable instruction. However, if you must check your child in or out during the day, come to the office first. They will call for your child to come to meet you in the office.**

### **Birthdays**

- **If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to send in a treat: A parent may bring a treat from home. These treats must be ready to serve. Please, no cakes.**
- **Birthday treats should be provided for each child in the class.**
- **If you are having a birthday party for your child outside of school, school is not the best place to pass out invitations unless every child in class is being invited. This can help avoid hurt feelings. Thank you!**

### **Room Parents**

**I will be working with room parents this year. These parents will help organize parties, special projects and events, etc. Occasionally you will receive a note or a call from them for help. Please support their efforts to make this a special year; any and all help is always appreciated!**