**Welcome**

* Welcome to 2nd grade! I am very excited to have your child in my classroom. I am looking forward to helping your child grow both spiritually, as we prepare for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and academically, as your child builds upon the basking skills learned in the first grade.
* In regards to drop off this year, please do NOT arrive before 7:30 a.m.; we will be heading into the classroom at 7:50 a.m. If you arrive after this time, you will have to go into the office with your child and check them in.
* When picking up your child at the end of the day, please be patient in the pick-up line as we get children where they need to be. We should be out and ready to go by 2:25-2:30.
* To help your child be successful in school this year, I believe there is a need for communication. Your child will be required to bring his/her planner and home folder home every day. In the folder, please take out what can be taken out (checked/completed work, graded work,ect..) Please return every day with what is needed (signed papers, homework, ect…)
* Homework should not take more than 20-25 minutes to complete and must be returned the following day. If not, the child will be responsible for bringing back the next day.
* There will be no regular homework this first week of school, we will be doing activities and getting to know each other. We usually have it Monday- Thursday; I never give homework over the weekends (except to read).
* Spelling will be a weekly routine. Students will receive a list every Friday after they completed the test of the following week’s words. Students will only get one list (trying to give them responsibility). This will start after Labor Day.
* Your child will be getting a planner this year. Please initial every night, indicating you saw it and know the child’s homework. Please sign even if no homework was assigned.
* Please have your child bring a healthy snack every day. We usually have snack around 9 a.m.
* We will only use water fountains this year to refill bottles. Please send your child with a water bottle for the day; they may keep this on his/her desk.
* Please check my website in regards to birthday celebrations.
* Since we are in a basement technically, my room tends to be cooler. You can have your child keep a MCES sweatshirt/ long sleeve that they can put on whenever they would like.
* Your child will have their own locker this year. It gets very packed with everything. They may decorate, but please keep it to things like pictures and magnets. NO STICKERS PLEASE!
* Mass this year will be on Tuesday at 8:15.
* I will email the weekly newsletter every Friday, and will also be on my weebly. It will have all that is needed for the following week, including the specials schedule.
* Please make sure your child is following the school uniform policy; it is located in the handbook (online).

I realize this is a ton of information all at once. If you have any questions, please email me!

I am very excited for this year and glad to be back in the classroom! My goal is for you child to grow as a person and also love coming to school!

Sincerely,

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