

Grade 2 - Mrs. Westfall

This is just a quick note on how we do things in second grade, with more information given throughout the year in the newsletter.

I will be sending home a weekly newsletter on Mondays. Their assignment books should be signed each evening and returned with their homework.

Specials:

Monday- Gym 1:00-1:30

Tuesday - Computer 9:15-9:45

Wednesday - Mass 9:30

Thursday - Art 2:00-2:45

Friday - Spanish 11:00-11:30, Gym 1:00-1:30

I am still working on the library schedule and hope to be having a librarian from Defiance County Public Library visit us virtually through Zoom.

Spelling - Spelling words will go home on Mondays included with the weekly newsletter and students will have spelling homework each night. Monday- Write 3 x each due Tuesday

Tuesday - Write abc order due Wednesday

Wednesday - Write spelling words in sentences

Thursday - pretest- write words missed 2x each

Friday - test

**If the student spells all words correctly on Thursday they will not have to retake the test on Friday.

Religion - We will be busy preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion all year and will have some homework at times as a family.

Accelerated Reader- Children will be able to take an accelerated reader quiz in the mornings.

Students should read every day as part of their homework routine for 15 minutes. You can read to your child and they can read to you. This is an excellent way for them to get practice and spend time with you.

Handwriting-I have ordered handwriting books that the children will be practicing their handwriting daily, and eventually cursive handwriting.

Math - I can't stress enough the importance of the children practicing their addition facts and later their subtraction. I suggest flash cards, asking your child math facts while driving in the car, playing math games, whatever and whenever you can to establish a good basis for math facts.

Behavior plan - I use tickets and when the students turn in homework they receive a ticket. They also earn tickets when they participate in class, show good behavior, etc. A ticket will be taken away when they talk out of turn, or any kind of negative behavior. The goal is to receive 50 tickets and then they can eat lunch with the teacher! They can certainly earn more tickets and get prizes from the prize box weekly. I have used this in the past with great results! The children know up front what is expected and they love counting up their tickets!

Star of the Week-When it is your child's birthday, they are the star of the week. I will send home a letter explaining their special week ahead of time. Birthday treats are fine, but be sure to bring enough for the class including paper plates and napkins.

**Invitations to parties are only to be given out at school if all second graders in our class are invited, or all the classmates that are the same gender as your child are invited.

Snacks - please send only healthy snacks that can be eaten in about 5 minutes. Natural snacks like peanuts, fruit, vegetables, or cheese are best. If you would like to donate snacks for our classroom it would be appreciated- goldfish, pretzels, crackers. Snacks will not be needed on two-hour delay days.

Please be sure your child has a water bottle to keep at school. The water bottles will be sent home on Fridays so they may be cleaned and then please return them on Mondays.

"God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Blessings,

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