

## CLASSROOM DONATIONS

If any one would like to make a donation to our classroom this year, here are a few things we use a lot of throughout the year: prizes for our reward box, pencils, Styrofoam cups, Dixie cups, round craft magnets, candy, dry erase markers, and dry erase board cleaner. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

## TESTING WEEK

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills is given the week of September 17-21. Students will need to be sure they eat a good breakfast. It would be nice if I could get a couple of volunteers to send snacks in for that week. This will insure that their snack is more than a lollypop.

If you would like to volunteer to send snacks in for the class, please let me know. Please sign my sign up sheet on my pet table or send me an email.

## CLASS DISCIPLINE

As you know class discipline is necessary in order to give your child the best possible education.

Please see the attached sheet. If a student receives 3 yellow cards or two red cards in a month, they will have to serve an after school detention.

## Water Bottles

Since we have air conditioning this year, and we take several drink/bathroom breaks, the students will not be allowed to have water bottles in class. They can have a drink during morning recess with their snack, but please make sure all drinks close well so it doesn't leak.

## REAP RETREAT

Please mark your calendars for April 3rd. It will be a great way to prepare for First Communion.

## UNIFORM VIOLATION

Please see the attached Uniform policy. A purple check will be in your child's planner if they have a uniform violation. Two uniform violations in one month cause the student to forfeit their jeans day that month

## IMPORTANT DATES

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation--10/17

Making the Vest for First Reconciliation--10/31

First Reconciliation--11/14

Parent Meeting for First Communion--2/6

REAP RETREAT for parents and students--4/3 (6:30-7:15p.m.)

Day of Reflection for First Communion--4/5

First Communion--4/7  
Second Graders Day off for First Communion--4/8

**AT LEAST ONE PARENT MUST ATTEND BOTH THE FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING AND THE FIRST COMMUNION MEETING.**

## ASSEMBLING VEST

We do make vests for First Reconciliation. I need help cutting the shapes out of felt which can be done at your own convenience. I also need a few moms or dads to help assemble the vests on October 31 before the Halloween Parties If you can help cutting or assembling

## WHAT WE WILL LEARN IN SEPTEMBER

Math--We will be working on adding, telling time, using a calendar, recognizing patterns, fractions, reading a chart, and how to use a thermometer.

Phonics--We will be working on short vowels, long vowels, and consonant blends.

Handwriting--We will be reviewing Manuscript.

Spelling--A list of words is attached.

English--We will be working on parts of a sentence, and the stages of writing.

Reading--We will be working in the first of our books.

Science--We will be learning about the Scientific Method, and we will be starting our unit on life science.

Social Studies--We are learning about US Government, the Constitution, and reading a map.

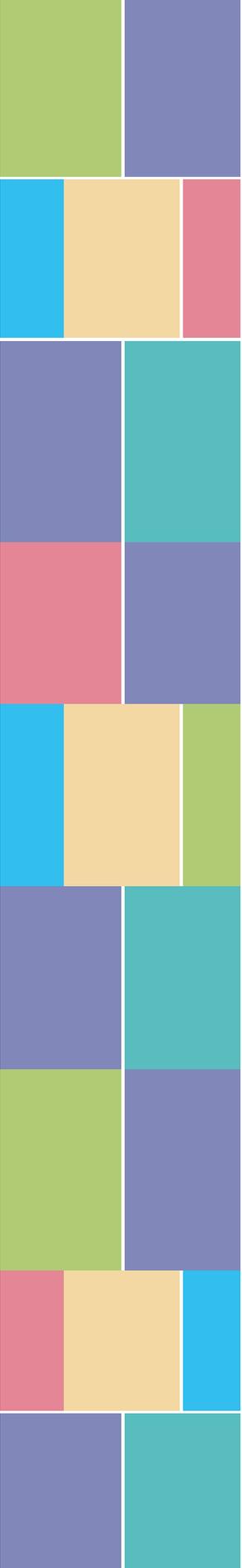
Religion--We be learning about God's love, and about God's greatest gift to us, Jesus.

## CONTACTING ME

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at school (636-583-2392 extension 16) or you can email me ([burked@sigschool.org](mailto:burked@sigschool.org)). I do check my email everyday, and I am usually at school between 7-4. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

You can also text me on remind. However, I do not check it early in the morning.

Thanks for all you do,



# Second Grade Newsletter

## WELCOME TO THE SECOND GRADE

This is going to be busy and exciting. We have a lot to learn and do this year. This newsletter will cover some general information about the year, and will tell you what we are going to cover this month.

### RECESS

Morning recess is at 9:30. Please send a snack for your child to eat at this time (PLEASE NO NUTS!!!). The students start getting hungry around recess, but lunch is not served until 11:30. Also, the students are not allowed to bring toys from home unless specifically stated by me. If they do bring in something for before or after care, it needs to stay in their back packs. The students will use the playground equipment during outside recess, and the toys will be provided during inside recess.

### BIRTHDAYS

You may send store bought treats near your child's birthday. These need to be store bought. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on the child's half birthday. If your child is having a birthday party, please invite all the boys, all the girls, or everyone. This will ensure that there are no hurt feelings.

### HOMEWORK

Homework is assigned Monday through Friday, and is due back the next morning. If it is not completed, the student will miss recess and receive a purple check. After five purple checks in one month the student will receive an after school detention.

### MATH FACTS

In addition to the homework, every night please make sure your child is practicing their math facts for at least 5-10 minutes. This will make math much easier for them, and help them on their timed tests.

### PLANNERS

This year the second graders will be filling out planners daily. Each assignment that is completed will be written in it. Any unfinished work needs to be completed that night. The planner needs to be signed each night by the parent. A record of the students daily behavior and the weekly spelling list will also be in the planner. Also, be on the look out for purple checks, uniform violations; green checks, missing homework; and yellow checks, behavior issues.

### SPELLING TEST

We will have a practice spelling test every Monday, and a final test on Friday. If the student gets all of his or her words right (including the Challenge words) on Monday, they do not have to take the test on Friday. The students do not have to study for the Monday test; I just want to see what they know. A spelling list is attached. There will also be a list of the spelling words in the planners each week, and we do not take test on three day weeks.

### PENCILS AND ERASER

I am asking that students only use pink pearl erasers and yellow pencils this year. The decorative pencils typically do not sharpen well, and they are often disputed over. The other erasers often become toys.

### BOOK REVIEWS

Each student is going to be responsible for one book review each week. The book review will should home on Monday night. If the book review can not be completed that night, it is fine. The student will just need to complete it by the next Monday. We will have a couple other options for book reviews later in the year. I will let you know as they become available.

### ACCELERATED READER

In addition to having to complete one Book Review each week, the students will also be required to complete at least one AR test every week. The test will be graded like a book review and can be the same book used in their book review. The students will be required to take the test on their own in their free time. Usually first thing in the morning is easiest, but there are other times in the day they will have time. We will learn how to take the test on our own the first few weeks of school. If your child has trouble remembering to take test you can write a note in their planner or send me an email.

### WEDNESDAY FOLDERS

A "Wednesday folder" will come home on Wednesday night. Tests will be stamped, signed, and returned. Notes for the week will also come home in this folder. So please be watching for them.

There will also be a sheet for you to sign saying that you received the folder. Please return it in the folder no later than Friday.