

Grade 2 Newsletter-October 2011



Mother Mary, please help us in our daily work! Protect our families and our community and help us to do our best and God's will every day.

During the month of September, the grade two's worked on setting learning goals and respect goals. Students thought about things they would like to work on. It could be to print more neatly. Some wanted to read better. Some wanted to improve their math skills. The students wrote out their goals and will be working on them over the next few months. They thought about ways they could get better in their chosen subjects. They thought about some extra practice at home. I encourage you to have your child work on those goals and have them tell how they are doing, regularly. If you need any suggestions please come see me. Their promise was, *I will do my best work, every day!*

Being a very special year, the students will be receiving two sacraments; the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The students have been working on and need some support in the following;

- making the sign of the cross correctly
- genuflecting while entering the pew before Mass
- participating at Mass by saying their responses loudly and clearly and by singing
- reciting the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be prayers clearly

Some Gentle Reminders

- please ensure that your child is at Mass by 8:15am as attendance at Mass will now be taken each week
- if submitting money, please ensure that it is in an envelope marked with your child's name on it
- your child is reading for at least 15-20minutes every night and that you are signing the home reading log

- your child studies for the weekly spelling tests

Curriculum Areas of Focus

- **Math**-counting by 2's, 5's, 10's to 100 forwards and backwards
Word problems involving addition and subtraction sentences
- **Science**- Why is air, water, and soil important for us? What do we know about pollution and how can we protect our earth? *If you see any pictures in the newspapers about pollution and how we can protect our earth please share with your child. They can bring the article in and we will share this in class.*
- **Social Science**-What is a community? How do laws protect us? How do community workers help the community?
- **Writing**-students need to write in complete sentences using capitals and periods (proper punctuation). Journals need to be neat and detailed.
- **Reading**-students should be reading from a variety of different types of books such as fiction, non-fiction, children's educational magazines, cartoons, and chapter books.
- **French**-students should be able to count to 50 in French and recite the days of the week (by singing them and saying them).

I look forward to seeing you at our open house where the children's work is vividly displayed on the inside and outside walls of the classroom in their notebooks and in their portfolios. Come and enjoy and celebrate our successes!

As Albert Einstein once said, "We need more imagination." I say, let your child amaze you!



Thank you and God bless,

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. DiFonzo

Grade 2 teacher

Hot Lunches begin this week!!



Open House October 18



3:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-8:00pm