

Welcome to Second Grade!

Communication

Each night, your child will bring home his or her orange take-home folder. In the front will be your child's homework sheet. This will list your child's homework and any other messages or reminders for the week. I will ask that you sign this sheet each night to show your child's homework has been checked. I also promise to check this sheet each day. If you have any notes for me, please feel free to write on the homework sheet so I can respond quickly. Or, if you prefer, please feel free to email me. My email address is daisy.bunnell@saintanncs.com. I promise to provide a speedy response.

Option C

Please check Option C periodically throughout the school year to view your child's grades.

Behavior Expectations

We are a classroom of Bucket Fillers. That means that we do things that fill others' up and bless them and not take from others. Students will be expected to listen carefully, show respect, work hard, follow the classroom rules, and be kind to others.

The first, second, and third grade classrooms use the same discipline policy in order to provide consistency for your child. We strive to make very clear guidelines, procedures and rules at the beginning of the year. In the event your child needs a reminder to behave correctly in the classroom they will receive a warning. The proceeding steps will then be followed through with as needed according to the behavior exhibited by the student.

1. Name on the board= 5minutes of lost recess
2. Check mark beside your name= 10 minutes of lost recess
3. Two check marks= discussion with parents/principal

Uniform Policy

The student handbook clearly spells out the uniform policy which students are expected to follow. Of course, we understand that children at this age require some assistance from their parents, so please be sure to make yourself familiar with our uniform policy. If a student arrives at school with an incorrect uniform, they will be asked to change clothes. In this event, please work with your child to correct this situation in the future. If you ever have questions regarding the uniform policy don't hesitate to ask your child's classroom teacher or the office. We are happy to offer clarification!

Homework

Your child will have homework Monday through Thursday. We typically follow a regular homework schedule in order to provide consistency. Each week your child will have a spelling tic-tac-toe worksheet. This assignment will come home on Monday and will be due on Friday. The assignment will ask your child to pick 3 out of the 9 ways to practice their spelling words.

Your child will also have sight words that are sent home each week and will be attached to the homework sheet. Please practice these sight words with your child each night. On the sight word sheet please check the sight words that have been mastered and sign and return the sheet on Friday of each week.

Your child will also have reading homework each night. 15 minutes of nightly reading allows your child to practice reading fluency and become exposed to many different genres. Studies have shown that the more often students read the more confident and fluent readers they become. Please make sure to record the title of the book on the homework sheet.

The final assignment will be a Math Simple Solutions lesson. Math Simple Solutions does spiral through the entire second grade curriculum rather than focusing on one specific skill. This provides your child with repeated practice with numerous math skills and reduces in the incidence of skill loss. I am aware that this may sometimes mean a math question may be presented regarding a topic we have not yet discussed in class. In this situation, please work with your student to make his or her best guess at solving the question and we will review the material the following day in class.

Curriculum

Religion
Language Arts
Math
Science
Social Studies
Art
Music
Physical Education
Spanish
Computer

Spelling

The list of spelling words will come home every Monday. Spelling test will be on Friday. Please help your child practice their spelling words throughout the week. Spelling homework will be due on Fridays.

Handwriting Grades

Most handwriting grades will be taken on your child's weekly spelling test and will be clarified using a rubric at the bottom of the test.

Friday Folders

In order to keep you closely apprised of your child's progress, a work folder will be sent home each Friday. Please review the papers with your child, sign the attached sheet, and return the empty folder to school on Monday. If you have any questions or comments about the work, feel free to make a note on the signature sheet. Folders will be sent home starting Friday, September 1st.

Specials Schedule

Monday- Technology and Spanish
Tuesday- Music and Physical Education
Wednesday-Technology
Thursday- Music and Physical Education
Friday- Art and Spanish

Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate gym shoes for Physical Education on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Helping at Home

There are many ways you can assist your child with his or her learning at home. Reviewing sight words and reading at least 15 minutes each night is a great way to boost reading skills. When reading at home choose books that your child is interested in reading. You can visit your local library to have your child pick books that interest them. When reading with your child it's important to stop and ask questions. This helps your child stay actively engaged in the text and remember important details and information. You can ask the following questions:

Before Questions

- What do you think this story is about? Why?
- What do you already know about this topic?

During Questions

- What is the problem in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think the story will end?

After Questions

- Which part of the story was the most exciting?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?

It is also very important that your child receives help on his or her addition and subtraction facts 0-20. It is important that your child becomes fluent in addition and subtraction facts 0-20. This will help prepare them for 2-digit and 3-digit addition and subtraction. The only way for math facts to be learned is through repeated practice. You can use flashcards, computer games, or even iPads apps.

Birthdays

We celebrate your child's birthday at school on or near his/her birthday. If the birthday is in the summer, we usually celebrate it in May, but we could celebrate it at any time. Some parents choose to send in treats for the class. Please keep this very simple and easy for your child. Be sure there are at least enough for 19 students. No pizza parties or birthday cakes please. Please do not pass out birthday invitations unless everyone is included all boys/all girls.

Sacraments

This year your child will receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. There are meetings that will need to be attended throughout the year. I will send home information throughout the year concerning these sacraments. In order to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion your child needs to meet the following requirements:

- The candidate must be baptized.
- The candidate must be Catholic.

If your child does not meet these requirements they will not be able to receive the sacrament, but I would still love for them to be a part of that special day.

- First Reconciliation- Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
- First Holy Communion- Sunday, April 29, 2018 @ 2:00 PM

Reminders

All students are allowed to keep a bottle of water at their desk during the school day. However, they may not have any other type of beverage in the classroom.

Please join us for our school masses. All children must wear their full uniform. (Jumpers for the girls and long pants for the boys). If it is hot we will change into shorts after church.

Questions/Concerns

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. You may either call the school office and leave a message, you may write a letter and put it in your child's folder, or email me at daisy.bunnell@saintanncs.com. I will promptly get back to you with my response.