



Meet the Teacher

Welcome to Grade Two!

Mrs. Maria Allen

I hope you had a relaxing summer and are ready to begin the new school year with enthusiasm! I am excited and privileged to have the opportunity to teach your child. The following information will give you an understanding of our classroom philosophy, rules, routines, and important things we do daily.

My Philosophy

It is my obligation to teach your children how to become independent students who develop an appreciation for learning. I will incorporate the "Stars 3 R's" (Reverence, Respect, Responsibility) into daily practice. The Catholic Faith will be interwoven into each subject of the day. The theme, "Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith" will also be incorporated into our daily work. Students will be reminded that they are expected to live their faith all day long. I will foster a sense of responsibility and ownership while creating a peaceful classroom that celebrates individuality.

Mrs. Telan, Mrs. Raposo, & Mr. Mills

Mrs. Telan, Mrs. Raposo, and Mr. Mills are Educational Assistants, and they will be working in our classroom this year. They are gifted teachers and have an abundance of experience and expertise. They will consistently be in our classroom attending to the needs of all the students in all curriculum areas.



Mass

We are a Catholic School, and your child is preparing to receive two Sacraments this year. Your support in taking them to Mass is very important. Your children are learning so much about their Faith, especially this year, that their attendance and attention during Mass is imperative. A Mass booklet will be provided to them to help them learn the structure of the Mass as well as the responses. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

School Rules/Policies

Please make sure you are aware of all school policies. Policies can be found on the school website. Another place to find valuable information is in the front few pages of your child's agenda. It includes policies, uniform guidelines, Birthday treats, other general information, and important dates. Continue to look at the school website for updated information as well.

Class Rules

Our classroom rules were created together and are as follows:

1. Act like Jesus ...be kind...be honest...be friendly...pray
2. Show Respect ...signal then silence..listen..raise hand.. be polite
3. Be Safe ...walk..helping hands...be calm...be careful

Agendas/Planners

This is an organizational planner in which your child will record reminders, due dates, field trips, and other important information. I look at the agenda first thing in the morning. Please ensure your child brings their agenda to school every day. A parent must sign the agenda every night. Place any forms or notes into the front pouch of the agenda.

P.E.

Our P.E. classes are on Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child wears their gym strip to school. Every item must be labeled.

On Fridays, when we have Mass, students must wear their full school uniform and only send in their runners for P.E.

Homework/Nightly Reading

It is expected that students read each night Monday through Thursday for 15 minutes. Additional information will follow that will explain the home reading programs we partake in throughout the year.

Spelling and Math homework will be assigned on Mondays and returned on Thursdays. Spelling Tests will be on Fridays.

Poetry Folders

Poetry folders are an exciting way for children to learn about different forms of literature and to read with expression. Each Friday, your child will bring home their poetry folder so they can share it with you. It is a fun activity for them, and will benefit with their reading fluency.. **Please return the folder on Monday.**

A new poem or song will be added weekly.



Star of the Day

Each student will have a few opportunities to be Star of the Day! On this special day, they bring in an object from home in a bag. They keep the item a secret and give the class 3 clues. Once the item has been guessed or if the 3 guesses are up, they get to share the object. The Star of the Day is also in charge of all the Calendar Activities, and they get to be the classroom leader, line leader, and helper for the day.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Mrs. Maria Allen

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