



Dear second grade students and parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you had a great summer. I am excited to announce I will be your child's teacher this year. I have been teaching Pre-k at St. Francis of Assisi School for the past two year. Prior to working at St. Francis, I taught 4th grade in the New York City school system and loved teaching fourth grade. I am excited to be working with older students again!

This year our class will explore *a world of learning*. I look forward to teaching the students how learning can allow them to explore their world. The class will learn how to relate the curriculum to their personal life and the lives of others throughout the world.

An important part of second grade is preparing the students for reconciliation and their first holy communion. Together at a class we will learn more about the mass and the children will come to better understand Jesus and their religion.

We will start the year off by learning a bit about each other discovering why *our class is made from the best stuff on Earth!* I look forward to meeting you in September.

Your Teacher,



Miss Sammut

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Other Helpful Information:

Homework

Spelling homework will be assigned Mon. through Thurs. The test will be on Friday (or the last day of the school week).

Math homework will be assigned Mon. through Thurs., as well. Math assignments will always be a review of a concept that has already been introduced and worked on in the classroom.

Occasionally, other assignments may be given, especially after Christmas vacation.

Preschool Reading Buddies:

Within a month after school starts, Preschool Reading Buddies will be assigned to my students. At that time, Gr. 2 students will be asked to bring in a book weekly to read to their buddy. This is a valuable experience, which provides my children an opportunity to practice reading skills in a comfortable environment, regardless of their ability. It is their responsibility to have a book to read. You will be sent information before the program begins.

Your child should also spend 10 or 15 minutes reading, at least several nights a week. If your child struggles, read in unison, take turns reading paragraphs or pages, or read to him/her. Poetry can be fun to read together, as well.

Reading will help your child in **all** academic areas

Pack a daily healthy snack (peanut/milk free product).

Ask your child daily to tell you one new fact/concept learned.

Did he/she notice someone being kind or helpful to another?

Ask your child's help in reading packages, signs, news.

Check in early weeks to see if your child is writing homework in the homework planner.

Ask your child to check off completed homework assignments in planner and pack them immediately in their backpack.

Read our Gr. 2 monthly newsletter to keep informed of dates, what is being taught, items needed, and websites for practicing skills.

Return the signed Thursday envelope the next day.

Check the www.sfab.org website for updates.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children!!