

# Welcome to the HIVE!



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## Welcome to Grade 2!



### General Goals :

Welcome to Grade Two! I am your child's teacher Miss Meghan Brennan and I am buzzing with excitement to begin our fun-filled year.

Our theme is *BEE-ing What God Wants Us To Bee*. Our classroom, also known as the "Hive," will BEE bustling with activities throughout the year. We will be exploring many exciting themes and units but most importantly your children will learn about the liturgical seasons, the parts of the Mass, and prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

This year is a time to reinforce the many skills that the children learned in *Grade One*, introduce new concepts across the curriculum, and to help your children become aware of their growing communities of faith, family, and friends.

Throughout the school year, I will be working with your children to help them understand that each one of them is special and unique and each has many gifts that they should be proud of. They will also be encouraged to become problem solvers, work as a team, and respect the opinions of others.

It is important to instill these values in the classroom, for as a bee can work alone, it is only with its fellow bees that the hive is created. +

I am very excited to begin our year together and look forward to working with all of you!

I will BEE seeing you soon!



### 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 which has already been introduced and worked on in the classroom.

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

Parent(s) will be asked to sign a form when homework is forgotten or incomplete. Completed homework must be passed in with the form.



### 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.



**Other helpful hints:**

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. As of Oct. 1, information will be sent by e-mail. Please make sure the school office has any new e-mail address.

Check the [www.sfab.org](http://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!!**

