



# Saint Francis of Assisi School

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## Reach for the Stars

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### Welcome to Grade 2!

#### General Goals :

Grade 2 offers an exciting year ahead! We will work together for the benefit of your children's academic, social, and spiritual growth. As each individual child enters Gr. 2's classroom, they will become a member of a unique group. We will strive to encourage one another to achieve personal goals and celebrate our successes. The learning environment provided will promote respect for one another, hard work, and constructive work habits. I will challenge your children to try their best and not be discouraged by temporary difficulties they encounter. Socially, Gr. 2 students will be asked to listen to one another's opinions, solve problems, discuss ways to attain peaceful solutions, and learn techniques to develop and maintain friendships. We will learn about the Mass, liturgical seasons, and the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. As their understanding of Jesus' love and forgiveness is better understood, we hope they will apply the knowledge to make wise and thoughtful choices throughout the school day and at home.

Our goal for each of your children is to make continuous progress in a safe environment, as they **"reach for the stars."**

#### 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!!**

