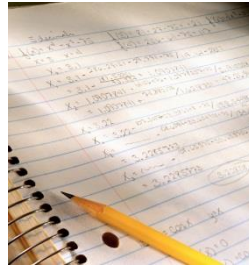




St. Patrick's Elementary Grade 2 Newsletter-October 2018



Wow! It is hard to believe a whole month has already come and gone. The grade two students have been working very hard adjusting to classroom routines, homework, and classroom expectations. As you already know, developing good organization skills is an important part of growing up. You can encourage your child take responsibility for doing his/her homework, for showing you his\her planner, and for showing you his/her home-reading log each night. As the students progress into higher grades their homework and expectations will increase. Our goal is to have students become independent, self-motivated and responsible individuals. Having your children develop strong morning routines such as making their beds, showering, brushing their teeth, and packing their bags helps them develop the life skills they need to become successful people. Having difficulty achieving this? Why not try a reward chart with a list of things children need to do every morning. They can earn a sticker once they complete each task on the chart such as brush their teeth. Make it fun by offering a reward such as a trip to the park, or an ice-cream at the end of the week. Don't forget to work on having your child learn to tie his/her shoes, button buttons and zip up jackets.

Being a very special year, the students will be receiving two sacraments; the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. The students have been working on and need some support in the following;

- making the sign of the cross correctly
- genuflecting while entering the pew before Mass
- participating at Mass by following along with the missals and saying the Mass responses loudly and clearly
- reciting the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be prayers clearly
- praying the rosary (students are encouraged to bring their own rosaries as we pray a decade of the rosary every morning)

- This Friday, October 5th is.....

St. Patrick's Walk-a-thon!!!

Please continue to collect pledges so that we may raise money for our school!!!! Come out and walk with us. It's great exercise!!!! Dismissal will be at 1:00pm.



Some Gentle Reminders

- Please ensure that your child is at Mass by 8:15am as attendance at Mass is taken each week
- If submitting money, please ensure that it is in an envelope marked with your child's name on it
- Your child needs to read for at least 15-20minutes every night and an adult needs to sign the home reading log
- It is important that your child studies for the weekly spelling tests, completes homework and returns necessary books for the next day

Curriculum Areas of Focus

- **Math**-counting by 2's, 5's, 10's to 100 forwards and backwards
Word problems involving addition and subtraction sentences
- **Science**-The Water Cycle-Key words include: evaporation, precipitation, condensation, water vapour, and cycle. Students reflect on the importance of water in biblical stories.
- **Social Science**-What is a community? How are we a part of different communities? How is our church community an important part of our faith?
- **Writing**-students need to write in complete sentences using capitals and periods (proper punctuation). Journals need to be neat and detailed.
- **Reading**-students should be reading from a variety of different types of books such as fiction, non-fiction, children's educational magazines, cartoons, and chapter books.

- **French**-students should be able to count to 20 in French and recite the days of the week (by singing them and saying them). They should be able to ask and answer the question, *How are you?*

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming open house where the children's work is vividly displayed on the inside and outside walls of the classroom in their notebooks and in their portfolios. Come and enjoy and celebrate our successes!

Thank you and God bless,
Sincerely,
Mrs. S. DiFonzo

Grade 2 teacher

Open House October 23



3:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-8:00pm