



Second Grade Newsletter
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Classroom News/Highlights: ** I am so proud of the second graders as they have adjusted well to our new normal of wearing masks, of being social distant from one another, and working in two different classrooms or from home!! It amazes me at how adaptable they are!!)

* The Scholastic book order is due tomorrow. You can place your order online at www.scholastic.com using the following online code: L9LZT. You will need to create your own username and password to access the site.

* The Summer Reading log from Mrs. Vasquez, our librarian, is due. Please return it by Thursday if your child completed the required summer hours for second grade.

* Please always refer to the calendar that Mrs. Hix sends out as activities, early–release days.... have or will change due to our new normal. For example, the Open House that is planned for this Thursday will be done virtually at a later date. The early-release day on the 17th has also been cancelled.

***Monday Blue Folder:** The blue folder was sent home today. As a reminder, there is a paper on the back of the folder that needs to be signed and then please return the folder tomorrow. The folder may contain some information from the office, PTO, classroom, and work that your child has completed. The office is going to try to streamline some of their papers to the school website. As per Mrs. Hix, please sign and return pages 41-49 in the Parent Student Handbook. The handbook can be found on the school website at www.stalbertscatholicsschool.org -under more and then back to school. **Also, please update your information in FACTS by Thursday, especially the part if your child has any allergies. The class deserves a popsicle party for being so awesome and I want to make sure I don't give anyone something that he/she is allergic to.**

***Orange homework folder:** The orange folder will need to be return to school on a daily basis. In the sleeve of the folder, you will find a daily behavior chart for the quarter. Please do not remove the chart from the folder. Parents, you will need to please sign it at the end of the week or over the weekend. (Please see the 2nd grade booklet for more information regarding the discipline plan.) **In the sleeve of the folder, you will also see a blue weekly homework list for your child to complete and turn in on Thursdays. I have adjusted this week since it is a short week.**

*****For Friday's Mystery Science assignment:** ***I will send home a paper copy and email you the lesson for Friday on Thursday. Eventually this will be posted on Google Classroom. Mrs. Deaser is working with the class on how to join and navigate Google Classroom. I will post things on the site once the class is familiar with it.

The class did a great job making their hats for last week's lesson!! I shared all of the pictures with them and it was fun to see the different styles of hats that were made!! Thank you for emailing me the pictures from the assignment!!

For this Friday's lesson, the students will consider the insulating and conducting properties of different materials. In the activity, Feel the Heat, students test different materials and determine which would make the best oven mitts. **You will need two small plastic water bottles, or small Gatorade bottles, or something similar that you can reuse. - Feel free to always improvise with any of the materials. The bottles for this activity do need to be plastic though. For the activity, the children will need to fill one bottle with hot water and one with cold water. I will also send home two Styrofoam cups on Thursday for the activity.**

As a reminder, here's the new schedule. All students may still wear their PE uniforms this week.

Mondays/Wednesdays: Group A: Computers Group B: PE

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Thursdays: Library will be every other week. Group B had library last week. Group A will have it this week. Your child may bring home his/her library book to read. The due date is in the back of the book.

* This week I will continue individually assess the children to see what reading levels they are at.

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