



Second Grade January

Welcome to our Second grade class webpage. During the school year, this webpage is updated each month to keep you informed of what is happening in our classroom.

Important Dates

- **Back to School:** Monday, January 5th
- **12:15 Day:** Thursday, January 8th Mass/Faith Family/Dress Uniform
- **End of Marking Period:** Friday, January 16th
- **No School:** Monday, January 19th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Catholic Schools Week:** ICS Open House: Sunday, January 25th
- **All School Mass:** Thursday, January 29th-12:15 Day
- **8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game:** Thursday, January 29th 6:30 PM
- **2-Hour Delayed Opening:** Friday, January 30th
- **Trivia Night:** Saturday, January 31st
- **Mother- Son Bowling:** Sunday, February 22
- **Light Our Way Benefit:** Saturday, March 6th
- **First Holy Communion** Saturday, May 2nd

Writer's Workshop

In January we will be...

Writing Non-fiction

- Writing New Year's Resolutions-Setting Goals
- Writing How to...Directions
- All About Writing- Research
- Writing an All About Animal Book

- **Writing a Biography**
- **Seasonal Writing: Fiction and Non-fiction**

Grammar: Contractions Transitional Words Verbs Adjectives Nouns

Our workshop begins with a short mini-lesson focusing on a specific skill. We will be busy writing each day to practice our writing skills.



In Reader's Workshop
In January we will be...

Becoming Experts: Reading Non-fiction
Thinking Hard and Growing Knowledge

Reading Skills:

- **Nonfiction readers notice and learn**
- **Nonfiction readers notice, learn, and question**
- **Nonfiction readers ask, "What is this book teaching me?"**
- **Nonfiction readers ask, "How does this book go?"**
- **Nonfiction readers notice where and when books change to teach something new about a topic**
- **Nonfiction readers Find key facts**
- **Nonfiction readers use text features to learn more**

Ongoing-Reading Skills: * Making Inferences * Comparing and Contrasting Characters and Folktales * Identify Story Elements * Finding Text Evidence
 * Using Post-its to Jot down important details * Developing Vocabulary
 * Building Reading Fluency * Analyzing Non-Fiction Text
 * Locating Facts

As we progress through the year, your child will be taught a number of different reading strategies as they grow into fluent readers and comprehend text.

The most important thing that you can do to help your children grow as readers is to READ, READ, and READ! When your child hears you read it helps build fluency, increase their vocabulary, and helps with comprehension.

Spelling

Second graders will be introduced to spelling rule. Students will practice spelling rules in a variety of ways. They will be tested for mastery. Some spelling words are differentiated to meet the various needs and skills of the students in our class.

Fundations Unit 7: New Concepts: 3 week unit

- **Open Syllable type:** go flu we l
- **Open syllables-combined with v-e syllables:** pretend provide
- **Y as a vowel:** 2 vowel sounds- cry baby
- **Y as a suffix:** lump lumpy
- **Trick Words: Week 1:** eight large change
Week 2: city every family
Week 3: night carry something

Math

In January we will...

Unit 4: Subtract 2-Digit Numbers

- **Totals of Mixed Coins and Bills**
- **Multi-digit Subtraction Strategies**

At home, you may want to practice the following skills:

- Addition and subtraction facts to 20 using mental strategies (For Mastery)
- Writing and reading numbers to 120
- Ones, tens, hundreds
- Draw Quick Hundreds, Tens, and Ones
- Represent numbers in different ways
- Combine ones, tens, and hundreds
- Comparing Numbers within 200 <>+
- Adding 2-digit numbers
- Money and fluency for Addition within 10

- Measure length in centimeters and inches
- Recognize and draw shapes
- Work with Time and Money
- Use place value to add and subtract

Social Studies

In January we will...

- **Learn about the life of Martin Luther King**

Our Social Studies program incorporates language arts, encourages active student participation as they learn about the world around them, and connects what they have learned to their own personal experiences. We will learn about cultures, geography, history, citizenship, and government. We will read maps, learn about landforms, great Americans, traditions, economics, and life long ago.

Science

In second grade we will learn all about: Engineering, the Earth's Surface, Solids and Liquids, and Environments for Living Things

Material Magic

- **Properties of Matter- we will be classifying materials based on properties and explain why different properties make materials best suited for a purpose**

Religion

We will be learning our prayers, sharing personal experiences, and discussing Scripture. We will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Please help your child practice their prayers.

The Catholic Christmas season celebrates Jesus' birth from Christmas Eve through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

We are preparing for First Holy Communion

Homework Schedule

Monday

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes and record in log
- Spelling Rule sent home for daily practice

Tuesday-

- Journal Writing

Wednesday-

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes/ record in log

Thursday-

- Math
- Read for 15-20 minutes/record in log

Friday-

- Spelling test /reading log due
- Have a great weekend!

This is the general structure for each week. Be sure to check your child's folder each day. Your child's weekly reading log sheet will be sent home every Monday and needs to be returned to school each Friday.

Specials Schedule

Monday: **Music**



Tuesday: Spanish

Wednesday: Gym

Thursday: Library

Friday: Art

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail or call! Communication is important!