

Mrs. Roberts (troberts@sjrschool.com)

Grade 2

Back to School Night

Dear Parents,

Welcome to second grade! May this year be a very happy and blessed one for all of us as the children prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the **unique gifts** of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with **fresh enthusiasm** and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your **enduring love**, give them **confidence and grace**, and equip them with the ability to **persevere** through trials. Bless their teachers with **wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve**, as they embark on the journey together! **Amen!**



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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- ❖ **Arrival at School:** Students should arrive at school between 7:45-8:00 a.m. Homeroom starts at 8:00 A.M. Children should not be dropped off before 7:45 A.M. during the school year, unless they are registered for ECP.

- ❖ **Attendance and Absences:** When a child is absent from school for any reason, parents must call the school office (570-668-2757). It is mandated by state law that when a child is absent from school, he/she must return to school with a written excuse for the absence. Three or more absent days requires a note from your family physician.

- ❖ **Birthdays/Classroom Parties:** During this school year, children will not be able to bring in treats or birthday invitations for the class. We will try to make your child's day as special as possible. Each child will be given a "card" and a "non-edible treat".

- ❖ **Behavior and Homework Calendars:** A Classroom Discipline Policy will be posted on google classroom along with a list of rules that your child will be expected to follow. If any of these rules are broken you will receive an email from me. Homework calendars will not be sent home this year.

- ❖ **Bus Notes:** If for some reason your child needs to ride a different bus for a day, **or** is going to be a walker/car rider, please send an email informing the office or myself of the switch.

- ❖ **YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW WHAT BUS HE OR SHE WILL BE RIDING. HE OR SHE SHOULD ALSO KNOW WHAT BUS TO TAKE WHEN THERE IS EARLY DISMISSAL.**

- ❖ **Change of Address and/or Telephone/Email:** It is essential that parents inform the school of correct home addresses, telephone numbers, and email. This is important for emergencies and for school record.

- ❖ **Classroom Storage:** Due to Covid 19 safety protocol, school cubbies cannot be used to store students' jackets, backpacks, etc. We are asking that each student bring a milk crate to keep by his/her desk. This crate will hold each student's backpack, lunchbox, water bottle and classroom supplies. Workbooks and copybooks will be stored in the students' desk. Jackets will be placed on the back of the students' chairs or placed into the backpack.

❖ **Communication:** Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns that you might have. I do not always have time to check my email once the school day starts. If the message is something that I need to know before the end of the school day (early pick up, emergency, etc.) please call the office. Homework assignments and/or pertinent classroom information will be post on Google Classroom.

❖ **Contact Information:** Email: troberts@sjrschool.com School Phone: 570-668-2757

❖ **Copybooks:** Your child will have several copybook that we will be using in class. Occasionally these copybooks will be sent home for you to review.

❖ **Cursive Writing:** Cursive writing will begin in November.

❖ **Classroom Discipline Policy:**

As I firmly believe that lifelong success depends on self-discipline. I have developed a Classroom Policy that gives every child the opportunity to manage his or her own behavior. I have discussed this plan with the children, but I would appreciate it if you would review the plan with your child.

Classroom Rules:

1. **Listen Carefully**
2. **Raise your hand to speak**
3. **Follow directions.**
4. **Work quietly. Do not disturb others.**
5. **Respect others. Be kind with your words and actions.**
6. **Work and play safely.**
7. **Clean up your own mess.**
8. **Keep your hands to yourself**

BE KIND AND RESPECTFUL TO EVERYONE!!!!

Consequences: If a student chooses to break a rule, these are the consequences:

First Warning: Students will be given a Verbal Warning

Second Warning: There will be a discussion between myself and the student concerning how the problem will be resolved.

Third Warning: The principal will be made aware of the student's behavioral problem. The parent(s) will receive an email or phone call concerning the behavior.

- ❖ **Excusing Children from School:** In order to leave school during regular school hours, parents must notify the office by email or phone call. Parents must sign their student out before leaving the building. The student must be signed in upon return.
- ❖ **Field Trips:** We will do virtual field trips throughout the year.
- ❖ **Folder: Take Home Folder--**Your child will keep a Take Home Folder in his/her backpack. One side of the folder will say RETURN. The other side will say KEEP. Any papers in the KEEP side can be kept at home.
- ❖ **Grading:** I take into consideration overall classroom performance which includes the following: homework, class work, quizzes, and tests.
- ❖ **Homework:** Homework is the reinforcement of the teaching in the classroom and preparation for class. Homework will be assigned via google classroom. I will try to keep homework at a minimum.

Some examples of homework are practicing prayers, studying spelling words, studying math facts, reading independently, studying for test, learning new vocabulary words and their definitions, and reviewing daily notes.

If your child fails to complete the homework, I will email you to let you know what needs to be completed.

- ❖ **Important Communication:** Please read all communications carefully. Most communication will be posted on Google Classroom.
- ❖ **Lunch /Snack-**All students need a morning snack and drink. Hot lunch is scheduled to begin on September 8, however that is subject to change. Your child should be able to open his own snack, lunch, and drink. All desk will be sanitized before and after snack and lunch.

- ❖ **Medications:** Please refer to page 19 in the SJRS School Handbook under health/medication.
- ❖ **Money:** All money must be put in an envelope with your child's name and the purpose for the money.
- ❖ **Option C:** Families can log in any time to see how their child is doing with grades, assignments, attendance etc. If you have any questions about grades, you can contact me via email.
- ❖ **Projects:** All projects will be done in school. There will not be any group projects.
- ❖ **Reading:** Please be aware that reading grades are not only based on written work and test, but also what is demonstrated in class. The grade on your child's report card will reflect the following skills in addition to written work and test.

(Reading)

Skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, and reading fluency, oral reading skill and reading comprehension strategies

We use the Journey Reading Series. The link is on the school website and will be put on Google Classroom. Textbooks will not be sent home.

- ❖ **Religion-**We begin and end each day with school prayer. A copy of the prayers is included with this handout. We will attend mass as scheduled. Dress uniform is required on mass day. Study guides are based on information from the Religion text book.
- ❖ **Report Cards-**Report Cards will be issued three times a year.
- ❖ **Sacraments:** The students will be receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. All important dates for the sacraments will be sent home when they are finalized with the pastors.

Suggestions to reinforce your child's faith:

- Pray with your child in the morning and evening.
- Participate in the celebration of the mass every Saturday evening or Sunday morning.
- Read Bible stories to your child.
- Help him/her every night with his/her Religion homework.
- Attend the scheduled parent meetings in preparation for the sacraments.

- ❖ **Safety:** Please take some time to view the SJRS COVID 19 Safety Plan and video. We will take time to teach and practice the school's safety procedures. Please review with your child how to properly wear a mask, wash his/her hands, use hand sanitizer, how to cough or sneeze into his/her elbow and how to dispose of a dirty tissue. There will be posters in the classroom to reinforce these skills. Hand sanitizer and tissues should be brought to school. The students will keep these supplies at their desk.

- ❖ **School Supplies:** Please check the supply list on the website. Each child will have a container on his/her desk. I will put 3 pencils, a red pen, and an eraser in each container. The supplies the children bring from home will be placed in their milk crate. The children will not be sharing supplies. Parents do not have to buy folders. Donations of hand sanitizer, tissues, Clorox wipes, paper towels are always welcomed. Please remember pencil sharpeners must have a lid, personal water bottles should be "no spill." Headphones should be placed in a plastic bag with your child's name on the bag.

- ❖ **Special Activities:** Gym, Music, Art, STEM

- ❖ **Scholastic Book Club:** During the year, I will send home Scholastic Book forms. Participation is optional. If you are ordering, you must do it online. Checks should be made out to Scholastic. A code for our class will be sent home at a later date.

- ❖ **Stationary Fee:** Will be posted on Google Classroom the first week of school. Please send the fee in an envelope with your child's name on it within 2 weeks after the fee is posted.

- ❖ **Student's Belongings:** Please make sure your child's name is on his/her clothing and all school supplies. Examples: sweatshirts, pencil boxes, crates etc. I would prefer you use initials or first name and last initial.

- ❖ **Subjects:** Religion, Math, Spelling, Reading/Phonics, Language Arts are major subjects in second grade. Science and Social Studies are minor subjects and are not listed on the report card.

- ❖ **Toys:** Students are permitted to bring toys to play with during recess and playtime. No electronics. They will not be able to play with another child's toy. Please place the toy in a re-closable plastic bag with the student's name on it. The toy will be kept in the student's backpack during instruction time.

- ❖ **Water Bottles:** Students may bring a water bottle/water bottles to school with them. This will eliminate the need to use the water fountains. I ask that the water bottles be spill proof. The bottle will be kept in the students' milk crates.

- ❖ At your convenience, please review the SJRS Handbook on the school website located under Parent Resources.

Thank you,
Mrs. Roberts

Prayers to Know

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Morning Prayer

God, our Father, I offer
You today all that I think
And do and say.
I offer it with what was done on earth
By Jesus Chris, your Son
Amen

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end.
Amen

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love

Jesus, I believe in you.
Jesus, I hope in you.

Jesus, I love you.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us:
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be
world without end.
Amen

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord
and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive
from thy bounty,
through Christ our Lord,
Amen

Grace After Meals

We give you thanks Almighty God
For these and all your benefits.
And may the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God
rest in peace
Amen.

Angel of God

Angel of God
My guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here.
Ever this day
be at my side
To light and guard
to rule and guide. Amen