



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had an amazing summer. I am so excited to begin this year with my new second graders. We have already hit the ground running! They have already learned so many procedures. They have experienced snack with the



“big kids” and also, lunch out on the field! They love it! There are some important dates to remember in September. Our first all school Mass is September 17th at 11 am. Students need to be in dress uniform that day. Please remember our weekly mass is on Thursdays and will begin this month. September 18th is picture day. Students should be in their dress uniforms for this day. September 28th is Casino Night. Also, if you have already sent your earthquake kits, thank you! If not, please send those as soon as possible!

As we move forward into September, your child will be growing in knowledge and faith!

RELIGION READING MATH SCIENCE SOCIAL STUDIES HANDWRITING SPELLING

In **religion**, we will be learning about the Holy Family. We will see who makes up the Holy Trinity and how God the Father sent His Son. We will learn how Jesus gives us the church and how He called many disciples to lead it.

In **reading**, we will begin the year with silly stories. With our first story, Dragon Gets By, the students will focus on summarizing. They will see how in a summary, it is not necessary to list every single detail. With our second story, Julius, the students will learn to clarify. They will be asked to give more explanation to their responses.

In **math**, September is a month of review. We will be going over addition and subtraction to help the students remember what they learned in first grade. We will do activities and learn strategies to help make adding and subtracting easier.

In **science**, we will be learning about force and motion. We will learn position words. The students will practice describing where an object is in relation to other objects using words such as “to the right of” or “in front of”. We will see what makes an object move or stay in place. We will learn ways we apply force to different objects.

In **social studies**, we will begin by talking about our country. We will learn about what the Pledge of Allegiance means and how to be a good citizen.

In **handwriting**, we will practice writing D’Nealian. This will help the students when we begin cursive. By practicing, it will be such a smooth transition to cursive.

We will begin the year with a **spelling** list. Then, each week, we will alternate between a spelling list and a vocabulary list. This will help the students better their spelling but also their knowledge of what words mean.

We have a fun month ahead of us! I am looking forward to all of the wonderful days ahead this year. Thank you for entrusting your children to my care.



God Bless,
Miss Betty