

Second Grade Classroom News:

Thank you so much to the many families who made the effort to come to the Sacramental Prep Night. If you were unable to attend, I will be sending home all the information with your child. Please let me know if you have any questions. This process will begin after Christmas Break. I have attached the calendar to this email for reference.

If you were not able to attend, you will be getting a parent guide that will need to be returned to the library. This is checked out to your family. Inside the book there is the calendar and a First Communion Certificate sheet that needs to be filled out and returned. I am also sending home a sticker that will go in their student book (not the book that is coming home with you). This is for you to write a little note of encouragement, praise and/or congratulations. This note needs to be returned back to me as soon as possible. Please keep this note a secret. It is fun for the kids to read it for the first time when we begin our sacramental prep process.

Next week we will not have our "normal" reading homework. I will be sending home a timeline template for you to create of your child's life. I will attach an example to this email.

Second graders took their assessment on place value on Thursday. Everyone did such a great job. As we move into harder math topics, place value is an important stepping-stone.

Writer's Workshop has been a super fun learning time for the kids. The students have really taken their writing time seriously and do their best to make their writing better through revising. Their publishing is posted on Seesaw to share.

If your child is extending their Thanksgiving break, will you please let me know as soon as possible.

Second grade will be leading POW at the end of the month. Please mark your calendar for November 30th.

Birthday celebrations this month -

Itzhak 11/9

Sam 11/22

Kai 11/23

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Religion

- Being thankful

Reading

- Analyzing characters in reading groups

Writing

- Revising with partners
- Publishing
- Writing a good "hook"

Math

- Adding multiples of 10
- Adding tens

Social Studies

- Timeline

- Thanksgiving history

Grammar

- Adjectives

School News:

After Thanksgiving it will be time to hit the ground running for the 8th grade's annual Sock Project for Potluck in the Park. For over 20 years Cathedral School has provided gifts in the form of "stuffed" socks for the guests at Potluck in the Park's Christmas dinner. Each Sunday throughout the year Potluck in the Park provides a hot meal for the hungry in O'Bryant Square. At Christmas they move dinner inside and serve a big dinner with all the trimmings at the Portland Art Museum.

Our goal is to stuff at least 1,000 pairs of socks. Potluck in the Park has procured donations of socks, what we will need is the items to fill them with. Each pair of socks will include a granola bar and candy in one sock, and a toothbrush, small tube of toothpaste, and travel-size shampoo and soap in the other. We will also include any extras, such as dental floss and travel-size lotion and conditioner, which we receive.

To make supplies easier to collect and count, we are asking that each grade contribute a specific supply. Collection bins will be in each classroom beginning the Monday after Thanksgiving. We are stuffing socks on **December 15th**, please deliver your supplies to school by **Friday, December 9th**.

Second grade is in charge of bringing in travel size lotions and shampoos. (our goal is 15 items per student)

Upcoming Events:

November 23

Mass led by 5th grade

11:30 Dismissal

November 24-25

Thanksgiving Break - No School

November 30

POW led by 2nd grade

December 8

Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Led by Staff

December 9

Report Cards go home

December 14

Christmas Program @ 7:00pm

December 16

Free Dress

10:30-11:30 Christmas Party

11:30 dismissal

No aftercare