

Back to School!



Second Grade  
Parent Handbook

## About the Teacher

I am Miss Colleen Federici, and I am so excited to work with you and your child this year as they continue to grow and develop as independent learners and Disciples of Christ! This will be my sixth year teaching at St. Mary Star of the Sea, and I am looking forward to a new year of learning and growth! I earned my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Dayton in 2013 and completed my Master's in Literacy in 2015. Before I came to St. Mary's, I taught third grade at St. Paul Catholic School in Owasso for two years as part of my Master's program.

I am originally from a small suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, where I grew up with two sisters and one brother. My brother now has five children of his own, and I am very proud to be an aunt. My niece and nephews have taught me a lot about children, and I really treasure the time that I get to spend with them. This summer I became a godparent for my best friend's son Oliver Jude, and I'm counting down the days until I get to see them again!

Catholic education has played a huge role in my life, making me the person I am today. I attended Catholic schools from Kindergarten through graduate school. I love that my job offers me the freedom to talk about and continue to grow in faith with my students. I am eager to journey with this second grade class through sacrament preparation and humbled that I have been chosen to accompany them during this important time.

I look forward to all of the challenges and triumphs that this year will bring! I am confident that, with your support and collaboration, this will be a great year in second grade for all of us! If you have questions or concerns throughout the school year, please contact me at school 784-8811 or e-mail me at [cfederici@myjacs.org](mailto:cfederici@myjacs.org).

God Bless!

## Arrival/Dismissal

8:00-3:10

Students may be dropped off at 7:45. They are to report to their teacher's line in front of the school, wearing a mask, and remain there socially distanced until 8:00. Students will be marked tardy after 8:00 AM.

## Textbooks

**\*The asterisk indicates hardcover textbooks that need to be covered with jumbo book covers!**

Handwriting-Universal Publishing-Writing Our Catholic Faith

Math-Big Ideas Math-Modeling Real Life (2 volumes)

Religion-Sadlier Publishing-We Believe

Social Studies-Pearson-myWorld Social Studies: We Do Our Part

\*Reading/Phonics/Spelling-Open Court Publishing- SRA Open Court Reading

\*Science-Macmillan McGraw-Hill-Science: A Closer Look

## Specials

Day	Time	Special	Teacher
Monday	10:00-11:20	Library/Computer	Mrs. Haynes/Mrs. Brinker
	1:25-2:00	Gym	Mrs. Hamay
Tuesday	9:15-9:55	Music	TBA
Wednesday	1:25-2:00	Gym	Mrs. Hamay
Thursday	9:15-9:55	Music	TBA
	10:00-10:40	Spanish	Sra. Fletcher
Friday	10:40-11:20	Art	Mrs. Brinker

## **Snack**

We will have a snack each day, around 9:45. Please send in a nutritious snack for your child.

If your child has any food allergies, please let me know. He/she may keep some snacks in the classroom for days when we have treats that he/she may not be able to eat.

## **Birthdays**

Your student may bring in a prepackaged treat to celebrate his/her birthday. Please avoid any treats with artificial food dyes as many children are sensitive to these dyes. The treat will be shared at snack time. If you send in a drink, please make sure it does not need to be poured. Students with summer birthdays, may celebrate their half birthday if they wish, just let me know the date they want to celebrate.

\*\* Please do not have your child bring birthday party invitations to school. This avoids hurt feelings for those not invited.

## **Class List**

Currently, there are 12 students in the class. 7 Boys and 5 Girls.

## **Homework**

Students will be copying their assignments in their daily planner. **Please sign their planner daily** after you have looked over their homework and checked for notices in their homework folder. If you need to ask a question, or let me know a bit of information, please use the space in the homework agenda to write me a note. I will check this daily. Expect about 30 minutes of homework a day. This includes spelling words, flashcards, reading, skills

worksheets, and projects. In addition, your child may need to bring home work that was not finished in class. If your student is spending significantly more time than this on homework, please contact me.

### **Make-up Work**

When a student has an excused absence, I will fill out a form with the work that needs to be made up. We do many hands-on projects in class, which may not be able to be made up so please keep absences to a minimum!

### **Flashcards**

Students need to master their addition and subtraction facts this year. Please practice these at least three times a week at home. With practice, this will become automatic and the children should not need to count on their fingers.

### **Timed Tests**

The students will be taking timed math fact tests a few times per week.

### **At-Home Projects**

The students will have at least one at-home project to complete each quarter. These at-home projects may include Saint reports, animal power point projects, dinosaur dioramas, etc. Look for the directions and due dates in their homework folder. Unfinished projects significantly affect report card grades!

### **Prayers**

The following are a list of prayers that the students will recite in the second grade. A prayer booklet will be kept in their homework folder for practice and notation of progress. Please pray these with your child every day at home.

Morning Offering  
Grace After Meals  
Our Father

Prayer Before Snack  
Guardian Angel Prayer  
Hail Mary

Grace Before Meals  
Act of Contrition  
Confession Responses

## **Sacraments**

We will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year, and I will get you the dates as soon as they are finalized. Jesus Day, our all-day First Communion retreat, will be during school hours the week prior to the sacrament, and we are always in need of volunteers. There will be two **Parent Meeting** for all parents of students receiving the Sacraments, one before each is celebrated. Look for reminder notices in homework folder.

## **Classroom Rules/Consequences**

The students will help draft the classroom rules, which will then be signed by each student and posted in the classroom. They will be expected to uphold these rules and to follow The Golden Rule. We will also have class meetings to deal with recurring issues. I use Class Dojo [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) to keep in contact with you about your child's behavior, both positive and negative. Please create an account using the sign up information provided at parent night.

Students will be recognized for good behaviors. Awards may be in the form of verbal compliments, treats, extra recess, notes on Class Dojo or in the planner, and award certificates.

For disruptive behaviors, the process for behavioral redirection will be as follows:

1. Verbal or nonverbal re-direction
2. Warning given by talking to them in close proximity
3. Separation from the group and asked to work at a focus table
4. Loss of some or all of a recess and fill out reflection sheet
5. Sent to the office, and the parent will be contacted if

there are continuous disruptive behaviors  
\*Behaviors that are intended to injure others may result in an in-school suspension or an out-of-school suspension.