

# Welcome



Dear Second Grade Parents:

Welcome to second grade at St. Paul Catholic School! I am so excited to welcome you and your child to the 2018/2019 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you're ready to begin the school year. My name is Mrs. Jenny Dixon and I am the Second Grade Teacher at St. Paul Catholic School. This is my 16th year teaching, 6 years at St. Paul School. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, a Masters Degree in Reading Literacy Specialization Grades K-12 and I have completed my religious education training courses. I am very excited about beginning the new school year and working with your children. I am also extremely blessed to help guide them closer to God as they prepare to make two very special sacraments this school year.

I love children and have a passion for teaching. I believe that your child's early school experiences are the foundations for learning. My goal for this school year is to help your child grow spiritually, socially, and academically. I am looking forward to getting to know your beautiful children, assessing them, and helping them grow in a classroom where they will learn, have fun, feel safe and successful. Communication and supportive teamwork is essential within my classroom. I have an open door policy so please come to me whenever thoughts, questions, or concerns may arise. I will be happy to meet with you by appointment or when a free moment allots before or after school. I will send home weekly or bi-weekly newsletters to keep you informed of upcoming weekly themes or curriculum we will be focusing on. I will also be sending home homework for your children to do each week. Together we will continue reviewing, practicing, and working on preparing your child for success. Homework will be sent home on Mondays and is due back at the end of the week on Friday. This way you can work on homework whenever your schedule is best. A great way for us to communicate this year will be through binders we will call our "Walking with Jesus" binders". I will place all homework, class work, newsletters, etc. inside of these Faith Binders. Therefore, it will be essential that your child brings this binder to and from school every day inside of their backpacks.

I have included a second grade school supply list on our St. Paul Owosso School web page. If possible, please **bring all of your school supply items to the school Ice Cream Social which is August 23rd.** I appreciate your help with this. Also, if you could please label your child's school supplies that would be greatly appreciated. Having these supplies ahead of time will alleviate a great deal of congestion on the first day of school.

In order to get to know your child better and gain some insight to help guide my teaching, I am asking for your help. I will have a student information form available at the Ice Cream Social so please stop by the Second Grade classroom. Please complete forms then and return or take home, complete and **return all forms by our first day of school** which is Monday August 27th. Be sure to include anything that you feel is important. I will also have a chart to record your child's method of transportation to ensure your child's safety. Please fill these out this day as well.

On the first week of school you may wish to bring your child to the classroom. That is great however; please make it a brief goodbye as long goodbyes can be even more upsetting to the beginning of our day. The school doors will open at 8:25 at which time students will go to their classroom. Children should not be in the building before 8:25. Thank you for your help with this so the children are safe and supervised.

Sometimes the end of the day can be hectic. For safety reasons, please walk across the parking lot and the street to greet your child. I would also like to remind drivers to please park in designated areas in the parking lot and leave room for the bus on the sidewalk. Children and adults should walk and cross at the corner or at the cross walk with the crossing guard. This is a very congested area at 3:40. Thank you for keeping this in mind so we keep our children safe.

**SNACK:** We will have a snack in the morning. **Each child is to bring in a snack daily because of many food allergies. These should be brought in everyday starting the first day of school which includes half days.** It must be a HEALTHY snack (such as fruit, vegetables, yogurt, canned fruit, cheese crackers, goldfish, etc.) Please do not send in chips, chocolate covered snacks, or sweets because we need good fuel for their brains. These are not healthy choices but please keep in mind healthy foods your child does enjoy so they enjoy what they bring in and actually eat it. Please also send in one packaged snack a month for the classroom snack box. This will be used only when the children forget their daily snack. We have gluten allergies and eggs so we will need to work together and check labels carefully and get creative for birthday celebrations and holiday parties to ensure that all of our children are safe. Thank you all in advance for your help so we keep all God's children safe.

I know this is lengthy but hope these important details help your family to adjust to the new school year. Again I am excited to get to know you and your child and I am looking forward to a wonderful school year. May God bless us all for a successful school year!

Sincerely, Mrs. Jenny Dixon



