

Welcome to Second Grade!

I'm so excited that we are going to spend this year together! I am looking forward to an amazing year in 2nd grade and I hope you are too! If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to e-mail me at sara.malahosky@dor.org or contact me through Class Dojo.

Principal: Mr. TJ Verzillo
Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Laurie McMahon
Teacher: Ms. Sara Malahosky
Technology: Mrs. Martha Grant
Music: Mr. Jonathan Sheffer
Art: Mrs. Alexandra Hummel
Library: Mrs. Margaret Oberst
Physical Education: Mr. Florian Komorowski
School Counselor: Mrs. Leslie Gonzalez

Specials Classes Schedule

Second grade students have regularly scheduled Art, Library, Music, and Technology classes once a week. Physical Education classes are held twice a week. Students should wear sneakers and the school physical education uniform.

Monday: Physical Education, 11:20-11:55
Tuesday: Technology, 11:20-11:55
Wednesday: Library 9:50-10:25; Physical Education 11:20-11:55
Thursday: Art, 11:20-11:55
Friday: Music, 11:20-11:55

Homework Policy

Students will bring home a math worksheet each night. Please guide your child with the worksheet. It is not meant to be frustrating for your child and should not take students more than 10 minutes. If you find they are having a difficult time or it has been longer than 10 minutes please stop them and leave me a note on it so I can help them with it the next day. Homework is not graded. I use it as a way to show you what your student is working on and to reinforce concepts taught in school.

Students will also have spelling tests on Fridays most weeks. The list of spelling words reflect spelling patterns/rules we are working on in class. Please practice writing and spelling these words with your children. I will send home a list of the words on Mondays,

post the spelling words on our class website as well as on <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/smalahosky>. You may use this website with your student to practice the spelling words.

Occasionally I will assign homework tasks to be completed with one of our online learning tools that we use in class. These can include assignments in Google Classroom, iReady, Prodigy, Xtra Math, or Epic books. When I assign this homework students will write it in the planners and I will post it in Class Dojo.

Classroom Management

Our class uses a management tool called "Class Dojo." It is a web based program that helps track students' behavior easily and effectively. It is also a great communication tool to help keep parents updated about their child's behavior and classroom happenings. You will receive a letter and code to connect with your student and our class so you can see your child's progress. Students may use the dojo points they earn to "buy" classroom coupons/rewards.

Snack & Lunch

2nd grade lunch is 10:45-11:15am every day. There will be a time set aside each morning for snack. Your child should bring a nutritious snack to school each day. Please remember we are peanut and tree nut free school. Students should also have a water bottle to use through out the school day.

Absences

Any absence from school should be reported to the school office by 8:30am at (585) 663-6533. Following an absence your child must bring in a written excuse with a parent signature. If your child needs to leave early or comes in late a written excuse is also required. Please refer to the Holy Cross School reopening plan for protocols concerning illnesses related to COVID-19.

Dismissal

All children will be dismissed from school in their usual manner (go home on assigned bus or picked up at dismissal door) unless you provide a written note that there has been a change. Please send the note to school with your child to give to me. If you have to change your child's dismissal during the school day please call the main office.

2020-2021 School Year

This school year is going to look very different from what we are used to! Things are subject to change throughout the year as we get new information. I promise to keep you updated on any changes or new information we have.

Students will be required to wear masks in school. I do not expect students to wear masks all day long so our classroom is set up so students can sit six feet apart to allow for frequent and regular "mask breaks." Please make sure your child has a mask, as well as a spare mask in their backpack everyday. Students' masks should be washed regularly at home. I would encourage you to **label** all of the masks with your child's name.

Please make sure you child has a water bottle, labelled with their name, to bring to school each day.

I am going to allow each student to bring one "home toy" each day as long as it is appropriate for school and fits inside their backpack. No personal electronic devices please (iPhone, iPads, etc.) The students will be able to play with these if we are unable to go outside for recess.

I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. Please feel free to let me know if there is anything I can do to help your child this year, or if you have any questions or concerns. I can always be reached at sara.malahosky@dor.org or through Class Dojo once you connect with us.

Thank you! Get ready for a great school year!