

2nd Grade Newsletter
February 2nd - 16th, 2012

Dear Families,

The second grade boys and girls are working hard and staying busy. Here is a brief summary of what the students will be working on over the next few weeks.

Religion- The students are learning about the different parts of the Mass. We are focusing on the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Math- In this unit your child will explore multiplication and division concepts. He or she will use a variety of strategies, such as repeated addition, drawing a picture, counting by groups (twos, fives, tens), or using manipulatives to solve multiplication and division problems. You can provide additional support at home:

•**Multiplication and Division.** While playing a card game, ask questions like, “If four of us each have seven cards, how many cards do we have in all?” After asking a question, allow time for your child to figure it out and then explain the answer. Please note that the emphasis in this unit is on developing thinking strategies for solving problems.

•**Subtraction Facts.** Help your child study the subtraction facts for Group B using *Triangle Flash Cards*.

Reading/Social Studies- The students will continue a unit about the continent of Asia. They will be focusing on China and learn about Chinese culture, peoples, food, and special celebrations. Students will also explore other Asian countries and learn about governments and history of different nations.

Students also will be working on our Favorite American Unit. This is a long-range unit with multiple deadlines. Please review the additional posted document with your child, so that you are both aware of the upcoming due dates.

* Students should make their own Valentine’s Box at home and may bring them to school on Valentine’s Day. Please be sure that there is a Valentine for each student in the room. Students need only to sign his/her name on cards to be distributed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

Leslie, Cathy, and Michele

Important Dates:

Wednesday, February 8 th	2:20 pm Dismissal/Staff Development
Thursday, February 16 th -	Noon Dismissal/Conferences
Friday, February 17 th -	No School/Professional Development Day
Monday, February 20 th -	No School—Presidents’ Day