

Second Grade News

October 2011

Notes from Shari.....

Dear Families,

Welcome to Religious Education. This is such a special year for your youngster. Preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is a big job for your child, your child's teacher and for you too!

As parents, we want the very best for our children. We want them to become educated adults who are equipped to handle the successes and disappointments of life. We encourage participation in sports to build their bodies; we provide experiences in the Arts to build their creativity; we send them to school to build their minds. But it is our faith that gets us through the rough spots that frequently occur in our lives, and religious education helps to deepen that faith and build your child's sense of dignity and self-worth. Faith builds souls.

We know that that is one of the reasons you want your child to take an active role in our parish. We thank you for bringing your child to the table of the Lord.

Helping Them Remember....

We want to emphasize how important it is for 2nd graders to be able to say their prayers without a sheet of paper to look at. We are beginning class with:

*Sign of the Cross

*Our Father

*Hail Mary

*Glory be to the Father

You can help by having your child say these prayers each evening and practicing them when possible. I recommend choosing one prayer at a time rather than frustrating them with all of them at once.

This Month.....

As the primary educators of your children, you can reinforce our classes by discussing at home what has gone on in class. Here is what your child is learning in October:

God is our creator and Father who promised us a Savior to free us from Sin:

Topics: Creation, Adam & Eve and original sin, forgiveness, Christ died for our sins.

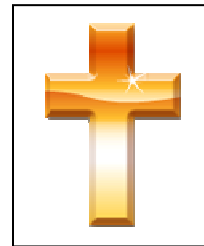
We can talk to God through many kinds of prayer:

Topics: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, other traditional prayers, and "talking to God" in our own way.

We are also receiving prayer journals to collect traditional prayers and to write down our own thoughts and petitions to God.

God Gives Us Rules:

Topics: The 10 Commandments, sin is doing the opposite of what God wants, learning the difference between sins and mistakes, saying "I'm sorry" to God I'm sorry to God through the Act of Contrition.



Important Dates to remember!

Nov.15th 7pm Parish Hall
First Reconciliation
meeting for parents only.

January 9th Family candle due
(You'll receive directions at the
November meeting).

Jan. 21st 9 & 11am 1st Reconciliation

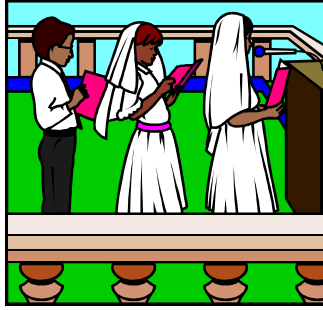
Questions or concerns?

Please call the Religious Ed office.

Our door is always open to help you in any way we can.

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Dear Parents,

It is a Catholic tradition for a child to receive his or her first prayer book the year they make First Reconciliation and First Communion. We are continuing this tradition thorough our Prayer Journal. Your child has decorated the cover to make it unique. Each week, your child will add new prayers to the journal, right up to First Communion Day. By making a book instead of receiving a purchased prayer book, we hope children truly feel it is "their own" and are more motivated to use it daily.

Please ask to see the journal, and encourage your child to use it for nighttime prayers and to bring it to church. Encourage your child to record his or her own prayers, thoughts and feelings about God. Tell them they can write about how they feel as they prepare for the sacraments. We hope that years from now, it will be a precious record of their childhood faith.

*God bless you and your family,
The Religious Education Staff*

