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Grade 2 Term 1 Newsletter

Dear families,

Welcome to Grade 2! Together, we will explore, discover, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Let's prepare to start our journey with enthusiasm, a love for learning, and a warm sense of belonging. Here is what we are focusing on in Term 1:

## Language Arts

- I can use proper letter formation to make my writing legible.
- I can write simple sentences using the Super Sentence pattern (who, does what, when or where).
- I can use word patterns and families to help me spell words.
- I can make predictions and connections about a story.
- I can recognize the Grade 2 Sight Words.
- I can use reading strategies to help me read and make it sound like talking.
- I can participate in group discussions by listening to others and sharing my ideas.

## Mathematics

- I can count, read, and write numbers from 21 to 50.
- I can use a place-value chart to show numbers up to 50.
- I can show quantities up to 50 as tens and ones.
- I can compare and order numbers to 50.
- I can count forward and backward by 1, 2, and 5 to and from 50.
- I can find the missing numbers in a number pattern.
- I can add and subtract numbers to 50 without and with regrouping using various strategies.

## Investigations:

- I can ask questions, make predictions, and use my senses to gather information.
- I can explore with a purpose in mind and use what I learn.
- I can find some evidence and make judgements.
- I can sort animals using their characteristics.



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## Fine Arts

- I can follow instructions to create artwork and use others' ideas to improve it.
- I can explore new techniques to create art.

The Alive in Christ manual and FORMED (Catholic faith website) will guide our **Religious** learning and prepare us for Mass and Prayer services. Each month, one Prayer service will include a Virtue Assembly where students showing Catholic virtue are recognized. Families are invited to attend Prayers on Fridays in the Notre Dame gymnasium at 9:00 a.m. and Mass services at the parish on the second Friday of every month at 11:00 a.m. ***The Grade 2 class will lead the Prayer service on December 1, 2023.***

## Other important reminders in Term 1:

- Notre Dame no longer uses *Seesaw* to share announcements, messages, and student work. Please watch for an invitation to join the new education-sharing platform in the upcoming weeks.
- Our classroom is **PEANUT FREE**. Please be mindful of granola bars, snack mixes, and spreads containing peanuts.
- Early dismissal and **student-led conferences** are on November 15 and 16, 2023. Please watch for sign-up times.
- Please pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch. Waiting in line at the office for utensils wastes precious eating time.

## Other reminders:

Please read the Notre Dame School monthly newsletter thoroughly for all current and upcoming events.

A healthy, safe classroom is our priority. As our class continues to practice healthy hygiene diligently, extra donations of Kleenex and Lysol wipes are always welcome in our classroom.

I wish you all the best in the coming school year!

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