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Grade 2 Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing winter holiday. It is so exciting to be back in our building with the students! This term tends to fly by, so we are already working hard on our second-term curriculum. Here is what we will be focusing on this term.

## Language Arts:

- I can state my opinion and use evidence (reasons) to support it.
- I can use compound sentences with joining words (so, and, because, and for) in my writing.
- I can use reading strategies to help me read and make it sound like talking.
- I can participate in group discussions and practice retelling the story to help me understand the text.
- I can use word patterns and families to help me spell words.
- I can use proper letter formation to make my writing legible.

## Mathematics:

- I can add and subtract numbers to 50 with and without regrouping using a variety of strategies.
- I can add three 1-digit numbers.
- I can solve real-world problems and show my thinking.

## Social Studies:

- I can explain a “tradition” and why it is “significant.”
- I can identify aspects of culture that are similar and different from my own.



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The Alive in Christ manual and FORMED (Catholic faith website) will guide our **Religious** learning and prepare us for Mass and Prayer services. *The Grade 2 class will be leading Mass on February 9, 2024.* Families are invited to attend and are encouraged to be seated before Mass begins at 11:00 a.m. We continue to extend our understanding of music (**Arts Education**) by identifying how long to hold the notes and making our voices match the rise and fall of the notes while singing hymns. Mrs. Mackrell will carry on in the Open Parachute Program (**Health Education**) and teach skills from the **Physical Education** curriculum. Miss Hamilton will continue to teach **French**, incorporate goal setting and core competency skills (**Careers Education**) daily in the library, and assist students in choosing and borrowing library books.

### Other important events in Term 2:

- The annual **Read-A-Thon** will begin on January 22, 2024. Students will bring home pledge forms and tracking sheets the week before. All donations will be used to expand our Literacy library.
- Special events are being planned for **Catholic Schools Week**, January 29 – February 3, 2024. Please watch for upcoming details on the events.
- Early dismissal and **Student Led Conferences** will take place February 28-29, 2024. Please watch for sign up times.

### Other reminders:

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

Please return the pink report card sheet with your signature in the return envelope this week.

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 New Year!

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