

General Information

Classroom Behavior: Life-long success depends on self-discipline and the second grade Classroom Discipline Plan gives every student the opportunity to manage his or her own behavior. We will facilitate the children so they become responsible, mature Christians. This plan will be discussed with the students extensively, but it would be appreciated if you can review it with your child at home too.

All-Star Behavior:

1. Stays on Task
2. Takes Responsibility
3. Active Listener
4. Respects self, others, and their property
5. Stays safe

If a student chooses to break a rule, these are the consequences:

Strike One: Verbal Warning (Name on the board)

Strike Two: One-on-one conference with the teacher (check next to name)

Strike Three: Benched at recess (two checks next to name)

“Out” (Final Warning): Behavioral Report filled out by student and it must be signed by a parent and/or phone call home.

(Based on the behavior, the order in which these warnings occur are subject to change. Some children may need a different type of behavioral plan, which will be set up between the teacher and parents.)

As a way to encourage and promote positive Christian behaviors in our classroom, students will be rewarded in a variety of ways. Along with verbal praise, we also give...

All-Star Rewards:

1. All-star Cards- If a child has behaved well all day, he/she will get a sticker at the end of the day on the incentive card at their desk. If they received stickers each day of the week, then on the last day he/she will get to choose a treat from the treat jar on the teacher's desk.
2. Classroom Stars- When the whole class earns 20 stars, they get rewarded with an extra recess outside.
3. Stamp Cards- When students are behaving or participating in class, he/she can earn stamps. When they have ten they can trade them in for candy or toys.
4. Stickers in the sticker basket
5. No Homework Pass (within reason)
6. Computer Pass and/or Free Computer Time
7. Any other reward/incentive plans as they come up over the course of the year

Homework

Students will be assigned homework Monday through Thursday nights. This will include their Spelling Book Unit, which will need to be completed each night it is assigned. Homework could also include a math or language arts page. Children are also expected to read 20 minutes (10 minutes alone and 10 minutes with an adult). There are special homework assignments throughout the year, especially in religion, which require parental help and participation. These are for preparing for the Sacraments.

****The children record their daily homework assignments and any special reminders in their assignment books, which they will bring home from school each day in their Bear folders. Please check and SIGN your child's assignment book each night. We will stamp the book once they have their assignments written in their book and the next day we'll stamp it again if the assignment is complete and with a signature. The "effort" grade on the report card is affected by missing signatures in the assignment notebook. Children are only allowed to miss three assignments before their grade goes down.

****Their homework will be posted daily on the 2nd Grade Page under "Homework." Feel free to access it any time throughout the year.

http://www.stbrendansf.com/second/second_home.html

Assessments

Second graders will be assessed this year in a variety of ways. There are formal assessments, such as tests, in all content areas. If your child scores below a "S-" on any given test your child *may* be asked to make corrections on the problems they missed and have a parent sign/return the test to me the next day. Informal assessments include teacher observations, daily work, writing samples, activities, experiments, and projects. Both forms are combined to best assess your child. Every Monday and Thursday graded papers will be stapled and sent home in their "Home Bear Folders." It is important to help children understand their mistakes on class work and homework. There will be designated special times during the day/week for extra help or correcting and completing work. Our goal is for your child to apply the skills and knowledge that they have learned.

Teamwork-Job board

To help teach responsibility, students will be assigned special jobs throughout the year. Each week their duties will rotate. The jobs include: Mission Monitor, Prayer/Pledge, Door Monitor, Library Monitor, Inspector, Shelf Monitor, Eraser Monitor, Chalkboard Monitor, Recycling Monitor (2 people), Garbage Can Monitor (3 people), Calendar Helper, Computer Helper, and Classroom Messenger.

All-Star of the Week

Every student in the second grade will have the opportunity to be an "All-Star Student of the Week." This is an excellent opportunity for your child to feel special, and for other students to get to know him/her better. Attached is a note detailing what he/she needs to have completed each day of the week. The student will be asked to gather pictures to display on the "All-Star" bulletin board in the classroom and write an autobiography that will go in the middle of the poster. Due to the size of the class, there will be two All-Stars a week. The two All-Stars will also be the line leaders for the week. Next week we will send home a sheet indicating when your child is chosen to be "All-Star of the Week."

*****We will also save your child's poster and autobiography for Open House in March. If your child is assigned "All-Star" after Open House, he/she must turn in their poster early by **Friday, February 26th**.

Parent Conferences

If you would like to meet with me (Mrs. Rabbitt) then please send in a note with your child, call the school, or email me at mrabbitt@stbrendansf.com or megan.rabbitt@yahoo.com to make an appointment. The best times to meet with me are before or after school. If you email me please put SBS...in the subject line, so I know that it isn't spam email. For example, "SBS Tom's Homework."

"Good to Know" Form

Please also sign the "Good to Know Form" that is attached to this handbook and return by **Tuesday, September 1st**. It will let us know of any medical issues, allergies, and other important information about your child.

Field Trips

We will take several field trips throughout the course of the school year. We will send home permission slips before every field trip, and ask for parent volunteers at that time. We will need at least one driver for every three to four children. At the beginning of the year a volunteer form and a car insurance form is sent home, and both need to be on file in order for you to be a driver. Also, you will need to take the online course "Shield the Vulnerable." The link is located at the bottom right corner of the St. Brendan Homepage. Please print off your certificate, and send it in before the field trip.

Book Orders

All book orders will be placed in your child's "Bear Home Folder." If you choose to purchase books, please return your order form by the date written in your child's assignment notebook. Please make checks payable to the book

order company. Please DO NOT send cash to school. The book orders will be completed and mailed out the day that the orders are due. It usually takes 2 to 3 weeks to receive the books.

Birthdays

Birthdays are one of the most important events in the life of a young child. You are more than welcome to send in a snack for your child's birthday celebration. Please let us know ahead of time. Food or treats should NOT have to be refrigerated, reheated, or need to be cut. Please send in all of the same type of treat so that there are not any upset children when one kind runs out. For example, we would like one flavor of cupcakes or one type of donut. Also, please bring in napkins to accompany the treat. You may drop off the treats on the table outside the classroom on the morning of their special day. Summer birthdays will be celebrated in June. Please be aware of food allergies.

Uniforms/Labeling

Please label your child's uniforms. Use the school's Parent Handbook as your guide for what the students are supposed to be wearing every day. Please also label your child's backpack, lunchbox, and drink bottle. If you have any questions, you may contact me through the school, through your child, or you may email me at mrabbitt@stbrendansf.com or megan.rabbitt@yahoo.com. Mrs. Warda can be contacted at school or by email at ninawarda@aol.com. Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a wonderful year and getting to know you.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Rabbitt

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