

June 14, 2024

Dear New Friend,

WELCOME TO SECOND GRADE!! I am so excited that you are coming to second grade at St. Aloysius Parish School! We are going to have a great year and learn a lot! Some of the things you will learn are cursive, three digit addition/subtraction, and you will become a more advanced reader!

Over the summer I want you to have fun, play outside, wear lots of sunscreen, and get lots of exercise. I also want you to read as much as you can! You can read to your parents, siblings, relatives, and friends. You can also read to yourself or your stuffed animals! Fill out the Summer Reading Calendar attached to earn a special reward from me in September!

Aside from reading, I'd like you to practice your beautiful printing handwriting. You can write words, stories, and even write about any adventures you may go on! I'd also like you to practice addition and subtraction math facts using flashcards. You can find these at the dollar store or at Ollie's. Also, over the summer I would like you to complete the packet I am sending home. You can also find it on the school website (www.saintaloyssiusschool.com under academics/summer enrichment). Finally, check out the list below for **supplies** that will be needed for the first day of school. I hope you have a great summer and I will see you in September!

Your teacher,
Mrs. Shilling

Supplies That Will be Needed for the First Day of Second Grade:

- A smock for art class
- A box of tissues
- 9 x 12 Sketchbook
- Rainy Day Recess Box (See the attached sheet)
- Container of Lysol wipes

Everything else is provided for your child using the supply fee!

Rainy Day Recess Boxes

In order to bring some fun to our rainy day indoor recess, we are looking for your participation in creating a “Rainy Day Recess Box”. Your box, made out of a shoebox, will contain small items your child can play with during indoor recess on a rainy or cold day. Nothing valuable should be sent in, rather small, inexpensive items for your child to play with at their desk. Listed below are some ideas to fill your boxes with:

- Tracers
- Fun markers, crayons, pencils
- Notepads
- Mazes or dot to dot books
- Lego's
- K'Nex
- Action figures or small figurines
- Wiki Sticks
- Pipe cleaners
- Beads and string
- Scratch boards
- Fast food prizes
- Small puzzles or brain teasers
- Origami

Again, nothing needs to be fancy! Clean out a toy bin at home. Check out a Dollar Tree or Target's dollar spot for some new items. Please make sure to label your child's box with their first and last name. We will return the boxes and items at the end of the year. Thank you for your support. Let me know if you have any questions!