

2-109

September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to “Meet the Teacher Night” and Class 2-109. This packet was designed to explain the policies and procedures for our class. I have tried to address the major points that come to light every year, but during the course of a day or year there is always room for the unexpected. If an answer to your question cannot be found in this packet, please include it on the parent survey and I will be happy to address your concern.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year watching your children grow in many ways. Thank you for the already demonstrated cooperation and assistance. I am sure that by working together, we will make this an exciting and enlightening school year.

Thank you,

Mrs. Jeanne Commisso

Curriculum Overview:

Religion:

1. Jesus is with Us Always-The children will learn that Jesus is the Son of God, and that He gives us the Church. We celebrate God's love through prayer, worship, and the sacraments. The sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and the church year will be studied.
2. God Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation - The children will learn about God's love, laws (the Commandments), and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). They will learn how to celebrate this sacrament.
3. Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist - The children will be familiar with the parts of the Mass and be able to actively participate. They will be prepared to receive their First Communion.
4. We live our Catholic Faith- The children will understand that God calls us to love and serve. They will learn about the church leaders, Mary and the Saints, and how to love and respect all of God's creations.
5. Prayers- Knowledge of specific prayers as well as Mass responses.

English Language Arts and Literacy: Please refer to the NYS Common Core Learning Standards links found on our class homepage.

Math: Please refer to the NYS Common Core Learning Standards links found on our class homepage.

Science:

1. Life Science - study of plants,
2. Physical Science - study of heat, light, sound, forces, electricity, and simple machines
3. Earth Science - study of weather, seasons, solar system
4. Human Body - study of senses, nutrition, keeping healthy

Social Studies:

Please refer to the NYS Common Core Learning Standards links found on our class homepage.

Sacraments:

The reception of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are major celebrations during this school year. The Office of Religious Education will notify parents and guardians about the liturgical celebrations and required meetings in preparation for these sacraments. Active participation is strongly encouraged.

The date for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Jan. 16, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the church.

The sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on Saturday, April 28, at 11:30 am.

The practice date for this important day is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 24th at 1:00 pm in the church. A parent is requested to be present at this practice.

The second grade is privileged to prepare the liturgy for the May Crowning Mass, honoring our Blessed Mother. This date has not yet been determined. Information regarding the date and attire will be sent prior to the celebration.

Responsibility:

A primary goal for the second grade students is to gain a greater sense of responsibility for themselves and their belongings. Each child will be responsible for packing and unpacking their own backpacks with the appropriate books/supplies and information. Initially, during the first month of school, directions from the teacher indicating what should be brought home each day will be provided. Once the teacher feels that these directions are no longer required, it will be supplied on a need basis only. In addition, each child will be responsible for taking home information from school in the form of mailings, notices and tests. Likewise, it is the child's responsibility to bring to school any correspondence from home. Two of the folders requested in the supply list will be used for this purpose.

1. "Mail Folder"- Mail from home to school is to be placed in the Mail Folder by the parent, and then deposited in the "Mail" basket on the teacher's desk at the **start** of the day by the child. All correspondence should be placed in a sealed envelope with the child's name, class, and reference to the contents clearly marked on the front of the envelope. Please encourage your child to check his/her folder daily and inform him/her when you are sending correspondence to school. Please note that time does not allow the teacher to check Mail Folders for correspondence.

2. "Tuesday Test Folder"- Any tests taken the previous week will be sent home in the Tuesday Test Folder. Tests and quizzes are to be reviewed, signed by a parent, and returned to school in the Tuesday Test Folder on Wednesday morning. The teacher will retain all tests and quizzes. Checking of test folders by the teacher does not have a specific schedule, therefore, any correspondence regarding a test should be sent separately in the Mail Folder. This will help to insure a prompt reply to your concern.

Special information from school will be sent home on Tuesdays. Please read Sister Kathleen's letter on the school website each week. The mailings from Sister Kathleen, the School Board, and the Home School Association (HSA) will be sent home with the youngest child in our school. Please place all returning correspondence for Sister Kathleen, School Board, HSA or any other organization in the student's Mail Folder. Time sensitive mail placed in the Test Folder may not be received before the requested deadline.

Assessments:

Assessments of a student's knowledge and ability will primarily consist of tests, quizzes, projects/presentations, performance tasks, homework assignments, and class participation.

Announced tests and unannounced quizzes will be given throughout the school year. Notice of the date for an upcoming test, along with the pages to study will be communicated through the homework book and on the school website: www.stroseschool.net

Each child will be responsible for copying the information as part of the homework assignment. Tests will cover all material discussed in the textbook, as well as class discussions, special class instruction, worksheets, experiments and any other related material. No notice will be given for quizzes or grading of homework assignments.

Notice and instructions for projects and presentations will be sent home in advance, separately, along with a detailed explanation of the task.

Homework:

Homework is usually given everyday with the exception of Fridays. Each homework assignment is designed to reinforce the topics covered in class. On several occasions, homework may be used as an introduction or preview into a new topic. All homework is copied in the designated hard covered homework notebook. This once again is the responsibility of each student. Homework is posted daily on the school/class website. The teacher will check the homework book for each student during the first two weeks of school for accuracy and understanding. Please check this book daily to assure that all homework assignments are completed.

Parents are asked to check all homework assignments. Please allow your child to do his/her homework independently, offering assistance only when needed. Encourage them to explain the assignment to you thus assuring that they have read the directions first. Invite your child to complete one or two practice examples with you, and if no further assistance is needed finish the assignment independently. Providing a designated place, without distractions, for completing homework will allow for maximum concentration and effort. After careful monitoring of your child's homework, (ability to complete independently, length of time required) any individual concerns should be promptly discussed with the teacher.

Homework assignments will be checked the next day in class. Each child will use their "special colored marking pencil" for correction of their own work during this review. A parent review of corrected homework will keep them aware of their child's understanding and progress.

Part of the daily homework assignment is for your child to be certain that all books and supplies (sharpened pencils, marking pencils, glue, scissors, etc.) are packed and ready for the next day. Missing homework due to forgotten books or papers will be noted as a missed assignment.

Missed homework assignments will be logged in the teacher's homework book and must be completed the next night. Parents will receive a Missing Homework Notice for any missed assignment. Please check to see that the assignment is completed, sign the notice, and return both to school the next day. Failure to complete an assignment for three consecutive nights will result in a lunchtime detention.

Chronic missed assignments and missing supplies will be reflected in the personal growth section of the report card.

Classwork:

All class work not completed during the day must be completed for homework. Occasionally, class work not completed during the morning will be completed during the recess part of the lunch period.

Absence and Lateness:

Regular attendance is a critical factor in school success for pupils. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school nurse and report your child's absence. Requests for homework and class work assignments should be made to the school office no later than 9:30 in the morning, in order to be picked up at the front desk between 2:25-3:30 pm. Please be aware that much is covered during the day and there may be many books to pick up. It is often extremely difficult for a younger sibling to carry their own books as well as those of their ill brother or sister.

New York State law requires that a written excuse from a parent/guardian stating the dates and reason for the absence be sent on the day the child returns to school.

In accordance with NYS Law, absence from school for vacation is considered illegal. The responsibility to teach your child any new work covered in class while on vacation rests solely with the parents. Any tests given while away are expected to be taken on the day your child returns to school. The parent and child are responsible for all the work that is covered and tested during this time.

Lateness occurs when a student arrives after 8:20 am. Lateness to school may impact a child's performance as many directions and instructions for the day's activities and schedule are given at arrival. Frequent lateness will be reflected in the personal growth section of the report card.

Change of Schedule:

Any parent or guardian who wishes their child to deviate from the usual dismissal procedure must send a note to school, prior to the dismissal, stating the alternative procedure and the appropriate date or dates. Please note: Massapequa students may only ride on their assigned Massapequa buses. No child will be permitted to deviate from one's usual routine without a signed note from the child's parent or guardian. Verbal directions from your child cannot be considered. If an emergency occurs please call the school.

Dropping Off and Returning to School for Forgotten Items:

Every effort should be made to send your child to school with the necessary items (lunch, gym sneakers, books, and supplies) for a successful school day. Dropping off items often causes undue anxiety in the child, has the potential of getting lost, and may not be delivered to the classroom promptly. Children should come to school with a nourishing lunch. Special lunches of any kind (All American, McDonalds, etc.) are not permitted. Any child coming to school without lunch will share lunch. School personnel will not be responsible to deliver school lunch. Lunch supervisors are asked not to bring in lunch for their child.

Children are to wear their gym clothes under their uniform on the assigned gym day. Failure to be prepared for gym will result in an unprepared notice. Children will not be permitted to change into gym clothes that are dropped off at the front desk.

If it is necessary to return to the classroom after dismissal for forgotten items, your child must return prior to 3:30 pm Monday thru Thursday (12:30 pm on half days), and if the office is still open, the child will be admitted. The office closes at 2:45 pm on Friday and before holidays. No admittance will be given after these times. Please note for privacy reasons that only the child will be permitted to go to the classroom.

Habitual return to school for forgotten items will be reflected on the report card.

Pizza and Hot Lunch:

Pizza is available on Tuesdays and Fridays during the months of October thru May. Once a month, an order form will be sent home in the Tuesday mailings. If you wish your child to purchase pizza for the upcoming month, the order form and a check made payable to St. Rose Student Council, must be return in a labeled, sealed envelope by the following Thursday morning at 8:30 am. No order will be accepted after this time. Please place a separate order for each child in your family.

Hot lunch is available on Mondays and Thursdays. The order form, received in the Tuesday mailing, and payment must be returned by the date indicated. No orders will be accepted after 8:30 am on the due date.

Snack:

A ten-minute period will be allotted each morning for the children to consume a simple snack. Please provide one nutritious snack (no drinks) for your child.

Book Orders:

Once a month each child will have the opportunity to order independent reading books from Scholastic's Lucky Book Club. The due date for the order is noted on the order form. If you wish your child to place an order, you may:

1. Return the order form by the due date, along with a check payable to Scholastic Lucky Book Club in a sealed envelope with your child's name and Scholastic Book Order clearly indicated on the front of the envelope.
2. If you would like to order online please visit <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/> and enter class activation code- GL7VB

Personal Items:

All personal items, books, backpacks, lunchboxes, and clothing should be clearly labeled with the child's name and grade. It is suggested that all books be covered and labeled. Please do not use contact on the district hard covered books (Social Studies, Science and 2 Readers) as they must be returned to the home district in June.

Birthday Parties:

Birthdays are special times for everyone. Children, in grades K-3 only, may celebrate their birthday in school with a simple individual snack that is easy to distribute. Please respond to the birthday celebration form sent home at the beginning of the child's birthday month. Due to the many medical concerns and safety for each child, no nuts of any kind are permitted. If choosing to bring ice cream or ice pops, the treat must be delivered immediately prior to use, as there is no freezer availability. Please refer to the time schedule indicated on the birthday form. Summer birthdays may be celebrated on a half birthday date or during the final month of school. Please notify the teacher one month prior to a half birthday request. Goody bags or Treats of any kind may not be sent to school for distribution to the students.

Distribution of birthday invitations to personal celebrations is only permitted when the total class or all girls/all boys are invited. Individual exchange of gifts is not permitted in school. Your child is invited to wear "Dress-Up" clothes to school on the pre-arranged date for his/her celebration. This includes dress slacks, collared shirt and shoes for the boys; dress slacks, skirts and dresses along with shoes (no flip-flops) for the girls. No sneakers, jeans or sweats are permitted. Individual gifts for any occasion cannot be exchanged among students in school.

Special Class Celebrations: Several occasions have been designated for class celebrations. Through the class party fund collection, special treats are provided for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and the end of the year. Goody bags or Treats of any kind may not be sent to school for distribution to the students.

Communication:

Communication with the teacher is strongly encouraged and invited. Please communicate via handwritten note, phone call to school or email to jcommisso5641@stroseschool.net. The class page provides a subpage under 'Resources' with information regarding ways to communicate with the teacher. Please note that time sensitive concerns are best handled through written note or phone call. Response to your communication will be handled as promptly as possible. Mutually convenient conference times will be scheduled when necessary.



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