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2nd Grade
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Welcome to 2nd grade! I look forward to this year ahead. I am honored to be your child's second grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year!

This is my third year teaching at Trinity. Prior to being here I worked at a public elementary school in Broward County where I have worked as an after school program teacher, a professional teacher aide and a substitute. I received a Bachelor's degree in General Studies from the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University located in Boca Raton, Florida.

Deerfield Beach, Florida was home to me from 2008 - 2024, but I moved to Tallahassee and have been here ever since. I look forward to being in the area and cheering on FSU sports!

I grew up Catholic and attended Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Deerfield Beach. I look forward to helping your children grow in their faith. Not only will I be teaching your children, but they will be teaching me. I am grateful for the opportunity to teach them, learn from them, and to grow in faith with them.

Our class is very fortunate to have a classroom professional aide. Miss Lina graduated high school in 2023 and is looking forward to being a part of our classroom family. Her mother is a fifth grade teacher here and we are very excited to have the opportunity to have both of them at Trinity this year!

**** My website will have all important information for this year including contact information, weekly updates, important dates and monthly newsletters. I strongly encourage you to check the website every week to make sure you are up to date with everything happening in 2nd grade!*

Visit my website! <https://msdagostinis.top/2ndgrade>

COMMUNICATION

Class Dojo

This is the most effective method of communication between teacher and parents. This will be the best form of communication if it is an emergency or you need to contact the teacher and need an almost immediate response. Parents should expect to receive a reply within 24 working hours.

Please scan the ClassDojo QR code located in this packet.

Office hours are 6:30am-7:00pm.

Email

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Parents should expect to receive a reply from the teacher within 24 working hours. Office hours are 7:00am- 4:00pm.

OBJECTIVES FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Students will...

- Practice comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and vocabulary skills to strengthen their reading abilities.
- Build their math fact fluency for addition and subtraction. They will use a variety of learning opportunities through games, manipulatives, and written practice to enhance their math skills.
- They will journal write during Daily 5 and complete three formal writing projects in class.
- Develop into disciples through knowledge of faith, liturgical education, moral formation, and prayer.
- Be exposed to grade level science and social studies topics.
- Build friendships and community life within the classroom and school community
- Demonstrate a growth mindset approach to their academic learning and classroom behavior.

AI Policy

AI is **NOT** to be used on homework, projects or regular assignments. We will be using an AI program approved by the school in ELA to help us with building and improving sentences when we get into writing.

CURRICULUM

Reading:

Textbook: Amplify CKLA

Provides a thorough skills strand (phonics/spelling/comprehension/grammar) with leveled readers which will fit in the Daily 5 format of mini lessons. There will also be opportunities for writing personal narratives, expository writing, and opinion/persuasive writing.

Daily 5 framework : This framework uses short mini lessons to teach reading skills followed by blocks of independent work time to practice these skills independently. This allows the teacher to conference with students and work on individual goals.
Support at home: Check spelling homework and read at home 10 minutes each night.

IXL for any of the Phonics/English/Reading comprehension skills you see in the “This week in Second Grade”

Math:

Textbook: HMH Go Math/Simple Solutions

The key skills learned will be place value; analog time to the minute; identifying and writing fractions; counting money; addition and subtraction with regrouping; measurement inches/centimeters; as well as being exposed to the beginnings of multiplication and division concepts. Second grade is a year of building the foundation for understanding future math concepts. Students will have the opportunity to build these skills through manipulatives as well.

Support at home: Memorize addition and subtraction through 10s; Practice counting by 2's and 10's starting at any number, finding pairs, basic addition and subtraction, practice counting money, telling time, cooking using fractions, etc. Please check homework pages, so your child practices these skills correctly.

Reflex math for fact mastery go-el.com

Writing:

Amplify CKLA

Students will practice writing techniques and skills through writing journals, handwriting books and short assignments.

Support at home: Encourage your child to help you write things out, such as a grocery list or to do lists. Provide a journal for writing.

Religion:

Textbook: Alive in Christ-

We will focus on building our relationship with God through prayer, Bible stories, the Mass, and the Sacraments.

Support at Home: Go to Mass as a family, pray before meals and at night, read bible bedtime stories, learn about the Saints, and sign up for Reconciliation and First Communion classes through your home parish.

Science:

Textbook: Nancy Larson

Students will engage in a variety of hands-on activities and experiments. They will also use study guides to read and learn about the topics of matter, forces and work, geology, simple machines, sound and light, and birds.

Support at home: Help prepare your child for tests by reviewing the study guide with your child.

Social Studies:

Textbook: Studies Weekly

Students will work with a weekly magazine and a variety of hands-on projects to learn about the topics of foundations, geography, economics, history, government, and civics.

Support at home: Review the weekly magazines. Discuss with your child about your community, family history, government, etc.

ASSIGNMENTS

Most of our assignments are conducted in class. If your child is sick, make-up work **may** be sent home.

***Students must produce good quality work. My classroom has a saying “Do it nice or do it twice.” If work is not up to par with expectations, your child will have to redo it.**

HOMEWORK

Homework will be given **Monday-Thursday** this year. Mondays and Wednesdays your child will receive their math homework that will consist of 5 or so questions related to the lessons we are completing in class. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be spelling homework in which they will complete in their spelling notebook that will be sent home. On the inside covers of the notebooks there will be a chart of 9 different activities to do. Your child will pick ONE activity each Tuesday and Thursday to complete with their spelling words. Words will be written in planners and sent home on the homework checklist located in your child's black binder..

Second grade has a few at home projects. You will be given ample time to complete them.

GRADING SCALE

This is the Dioscesan grading scale

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 59 and below

MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS AND LATE WORK

Make-up work will primarily be done in class. Occasionally make-up work will be sent home. Generally there is no penalty for late work.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Behavior expectations

Maintaining a learning environment is of utmost importance for all students. Positive reinforcement will be used to encourage appropriate behavior. However, there may be occasions when behaviors cross a line and disrupt the learning environment. In this case consequences will be given. Consequences may include warnings, recess minutes, a note home, or a phone call to a parent.

We are starting a new reward system in second grade. Your child will receive “D-Bucks” to collect in order to shop in our classroom store. In 2nd grade part of our math curriculum is learning about money and budgeting. Mrs. Fleck and I decided this would be a great way to practice that lesson!

Below is how this will work:



1. My Desk Rent

Every month, I am responsible for paying rent for my desk.

- **The Cost: \$5.00** each month.
- **When it's due:** The beginning of each month.



2. Earning Money (Good Behavior)

I can earn classroom dollars every single day by making awesome choices!

Here is how I can fill my wallet:

- **Being a Helper:** Helping the teacher or a classmate.
- **Super Scholar:** Listening carefully and doing my best work.
- **Kindness Counts:** Sharing, using polite words, and being a good friend.
- **Line Leader Royalty:** Walking quietly and safely in the hallways.
- **Homework:** Turning your homework in on time.



3. Tickets & Fines (Poor Behavior)

If I make a poor choice, I will receive a warning ticket. Tickets cost money to pay off.

- **Getting a Ticket:** If I break a classroom rule, I will get a ticket that costs **\$1.00**
- **Blurt Ticket: Speaking out of turn during a lesson**
- **Unkind: Being unkind to our friends and classmates**

- **What if I can't pay?** If I do not have enough money in my wallet to pay for my ticket, I will get a fine which results in me owing laps at recess.
- *Tip: Keep making good choices so your wallet stays full!*

Donation Jar:

Students will be asked weekly if they want to donate to the donation jar. So that if a classmate does not have money to buy a new school supply they can use from the donation jar.



4. Friday Classroom Store!

Every Friday, the Classroom Store will open!

- If I have paid my rent and have no unpaid tickets, I can use my extra saved money to shop.
- I can buy fun prizes, special coupons (like sitting in the teacher's chair), or save my money for bigger items next week!

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SUPPLIES

All students have the supplies needed. Headphones are required. Any extra supplies they brought in has been placed in a ziplock bag and stored in a bin that they will have access to at any time if they need to replenish supplies.

POWERSCHOOL

Parents are responsible for checking PowerSchool on a regular basis to monitor progress. Please bring concerns to the teacher's attention as soon as they appear. Parents and teachers will work together to promote student progress. Questions regarding access to PowerSchool should be directed to the front office.

D'Agostinis Schedule– 2nd Grade 2026-2027

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	8:00-8:15 Religion 15	8:00-8:15 Religion 15	8:00-8:15 Religion 15	8:00-8:15 Religion 15	8:00-8:15 Religion 15
	8:15-9:05 Math 50	8:15-9:05 Math 50	8:15-9:05 Math 50	8:15-9:05 Math 50	8:15-9:05 Math 50
	9:05-9:50 Art	9:05-9:50 PE	9:05-9:50 Media	9:15-9:35 Snack Read Aloud 15	9:05-9:50 Music
	9:50-10:05 Snack Read Aloud 10 10:05-11:20 ELA 75	9:50-10:05 Snack Read Aloud 10 10:05-11:20 ELA 55	9:50-10:05 Snack Read Aloud 10 10:05-10:50 ELA 55	9:40-10:40 Mass	9:50-10:05 snack Read Aloud 10 Computer Lab 10:15 - 11:00
	11:20-11:50 S.S./Science 30	11:20-11:50 S.S/ Science 30	11:05-11:20 Religion 25 11:20-11:45 S.S/Science 20	10:45-11:30 PE ELA 11:30-11:50 20	11:00-11:30 Religion 30 ELA 15
	11:50-12:10 Lunch 12:15-12:35 Recess	11:50-12:10 Lunch 12:15-12:35 Recess	11:50-12:10 Lunch 12:15-12:35 Recess	11:50-12:10 Lunch 12:15-12:35 Recess	11:50-12:10 Lunch 12:15-12:35 Recess
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