

Dear 1st Grade Families,

My name is Mrs Davis, and I am thrilled to be your child's 2nd grade teacher for the upcoming school year! I'm looking forward to a year of learning, growth, and fun together! This will be my 10th year teaching and my 2nd year teaching at St Teresa's School! In addition to teaching here at our wonderful school, I am also the Director of the Children's Music Ministry at St Kevin Church in Warwick! I am a proud Mom of my 12 year old son Jackson, and 6 year old daughter Olivia, who will be starting 1st Grade at St Teresa's next year! I'm excited to continue my passion for helping students grow, especially in the Catholic faith.

What to Expect in 2nd Grade:

- **Curriculum:** We'll be focusing on reading comprehension, writing skills, math fluency, cursive writing, and exploring various science topics. For those wishing to have their child receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, we will be preparing and learning for those special events and other Religion lessons throughout the year.
- **Reading:** Students will be encouraged to develop a love for reading through a variety of activities. As the year progresses, we will start to visit our school library once a week, and in the Spring, our class will perform various fairy tales for our Elementary School classes in our Class Reader's Theater!
- **Writing:** Students will have opportunities to explore different writing genres and develop their writing skills through various projects, including a Friday Journal that will go home every weekend and give you the opportunity to read about their school week and respond to them in writing (which is also a great supplement to our reading curriculum!)
- **Earned Special Class Activities:** We'll also learn how to work cooperatively as a class. As the year progresses and as the class grows in both personal responsibility and as a class unit, I look forward to a number of special events, including Field Trips, Smiley Face Rewards, and Earth Day Party, etc.
- **Classroom Rules and Routines:** Students will be expected to be ready to meet all the requirements, and responsibilities in order to be ready to move upstairs to 3rd grade by the end of the year. In order to do that, we will have a classroom routine that helps us manage our time and stay organized. Classroom rules and expectations are communicated clearly on the first day of school and students are expected to follow these rules in order for our classroom to be safe, and for us to enjoy a fun and exciting year of memories and learning!
- **Communication:** I'll be using Class Dojo to share updates and communicate with parents. A Weekly Newsletter will go home every Monday in students' folders that will include important information about the week, along with homework for the week. I am available for questions or concerns via messages through Class Dojo and my school email, pdavis@stspawtucket.com

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this next school year! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. Let's make this a wonderful year of learning together!

Sincerely,
Mrs PattiLou Davis
St Teresa School - 2nd Grade Teacher

2nd Grade Supply List

- Pencils
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Pencil cases (2)
- Glue sticks
- Ruler (Centimeter/Inch)
- Folders (2)
- Spiral Notebook, 1 subject (3)
- Dry erase board (small)
- Black dry erase markers (thin tip)
- Colored dry erase markers (thin or thick tip)
- Paper towels
- Tissue boxes

Dear Parents,

As we head into the summer break, we encourage you to continue your child's reading journey! Reading over the summer is a great way to maintain and even improve their reading skills, and it's a fun way to explore different worlds and ideas.

Why is summer reading important?

- Keeps skills sharp: Reading regularly helps children stay fluent and confident readers, preventing the "summer slide".
- Expands vocabulary and knowledge: Reading exposes children to new words and ideas, building their understanding of the world.
- Fosters a love of reading: Engaging with books can spark a lifelong passion for reading and learning.

I have attached a stress-free and fun summer reading activity that I ask your child completes, and brings with them on the first day of the new school year. The "Pineapple Reading Challenge" allows students to have fun and think outside the box when it comes to reading! From the different books they are able to read during the summer, please have them choose their favorite and fill out the other two sheets in the summer reading packet. Your child will get a chance to talk about their favorite book with their classmates in September!

I encourage you to make summer reading a fun and rewarding experience for your child, and I look forward to seeing them return to school with a strong love of reading!

Happy Reading!

Mrs Davis