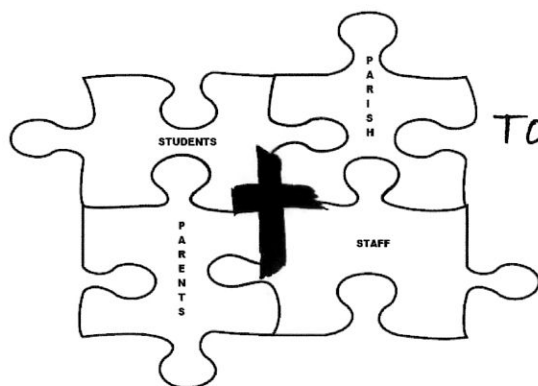


Mrs. Davis' 2nd Grade Class News

September 12, 2011



Together We Make A Difference!

It has been a joy meeting you and your children! I am looking forward to getting to know you better. If you haven't already done so, please drop by to introduce yourself and visit our classroom. You might even have to tell me

who you are again before I remember your faces and who you belong to! Thanks for being patient with me.

I strongly believe that the success of our students' educational experience requires a team effort. Communication is the key to that effort. I encourage you to contact me whenever you have questions or concerns. We can schedule a time to meet either before or after school. You may send a note to me, or write a note in your child's planner. I will be checking planners each morning. You can also send me an email at davisthe@stagneskc.org.

Our classroom page on the St. Agnes school website is a great way to stay up-to-date about homework, announcements, and upcoming events. I try to update it every day to include that day's homework assignments.

You should look at your child's green homework folder that goes home each night. In addition to homework assignments, I frequently send notes home. Also, be sure you read information that is sent home to you in the red Friday Folders. You should especially pay attention to our principal's newsletter, "Hill's Highlights," which will be in your oldest child's Friday Folder each week.

Another communication tool is the student planner. Each student was given a planner yesterday. The planner goes home every afternoon, and should come back to school every morning. Please help your child to remember to pack the planner in his/her backpack until it becomes a routine. I will remind the students to put their planners in their backpacks at the end of each day. At school, students write homework assignments, reminders, and behavior marks for the day. This is an important way for us to communicate so I ask that you sign your child's planner each night.

There are a couple of important dates coming up. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

- Back to School Night is Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are Thursday & Friday, October 27th and 28th

Remember that together, we can make a difference in your child's life!

Helping our Children Grow Closer To Jesus

As you know, this year we are getting ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Especially in second grade, we expect students to participate fully at Mass. They should pay attention, respond enthusiastically, and be respectful.

You can help your child practice appropriate behavior at Mass by having the same expectations when you take them to Mass every Sunday. Remember that you, as parents, are the primary teachers of your children as you promised the day of their baptism. This means that you should lead by example and actively participate in their

Catholic formation. You should see that they learn and follow the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic faith as expressed in our Profession of Faith Creed.



- A letter was sent home last week asking for you to sit down with your child to brainstorm ideas that he/she might like to write about. If you haven't already, please

return it to school by the end of this week.

- Yesterday you should have seen a note explaining our classroom behavior plan.
- Today you'll find a questionnaire that you should return to school by Friday.
- Soon you'll see an announcement about our motivational reading program, "Traveling America".
- Practice sheets with instructions for learning basic math facts. These should be done every night.
- There is a spelling test every Friday. Students should keep their spelling list in their green homework folders.
- You'll be asked to complete a Spelling Survival Sheet with your child in the coming days.

Random Thoughts

Thank you for your patience as we "tweak" dismissal so it is safe and convenient. Remember to put your name signs on your dashboards—it helps us a lot in getting your children to cars.

Keep in mind that we have a student with a peanut allergy. Make sure that any treats that are shared at school do not contain peanuts and were not packaged where peanuts were used.

The Fall Festival is this coming Saturday. It is a FUN event! Don't miss it!



Our Classroom Wish List

Age-appropriate books for our Classroom library.

11 x 17 colored construction paper

Paper plates

Brown paper lunch bags