

WELCOME TO BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SECOND GRADE 2011-2012

It is hard to believe that summer has passed by so quickly and already we have begun a new school year. This will be a very special year for your child as they spend time preparing their hearts for **two** wonderful church sacraments. I hope to provide your children with a year full of learning, growing and fun. I hope this information will give you a better understanding of how things are done in the Second Grade.

I. Integrated Language Arts

*Links the areas of reading, spelling, phonics, grammar, and writing into one block of time that takes up 900 minutes of our school week.

*Reading Components:

Word Study, large group shared readings, small group guided reading, and independent reading time.

*Students will be expected to do an “in class” reading log which they will learn how to present and write a quality response to a story.

*Students will also be expected to do an **HRR:** (**Home Reading Record**) which is due every other week.

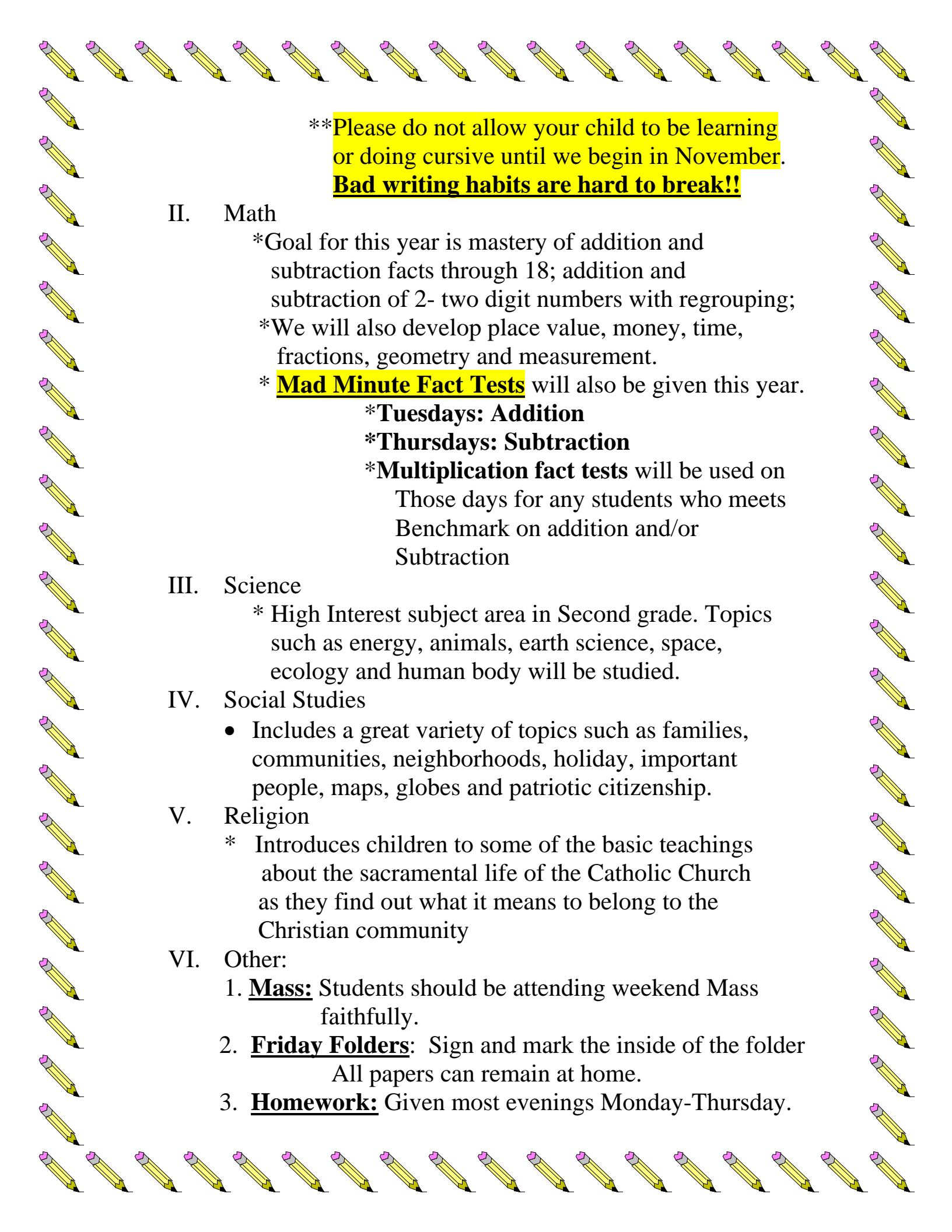
*Spelling:

*Pretests will be used. If students earn a 100% on the pretest new words will be distributed to them.

* No set day of the week for tests. Test day will be written in spelling notebook with new words.

*Cursive Handwriting:

will begin in mid November.



****Please do not allow your child to be learning or doing cursive until we begin in November. Bad writing habits are hard to break!!**

II. Math

*Goal for this year is mastery of addition and subtraction facts through 18; addition and subtraction of 2- two digit numbers with regrouping;

*We will also develop place value, money, time, fractions, geometry and measurement.

* **Mad Minute Fact Tests** will also be given this year.

***Tuesdays: Addition**

***Thursdays: Subtraction**

***Multiplication fact tests** will be used on Those days for any students who meets Benchmark on addition and/or Subtraction

III. Science

* High Interest subject area in Second grade. Topics such as energy, animals, earth science, space, ecology and human body will be studied.

IV. Social Studies

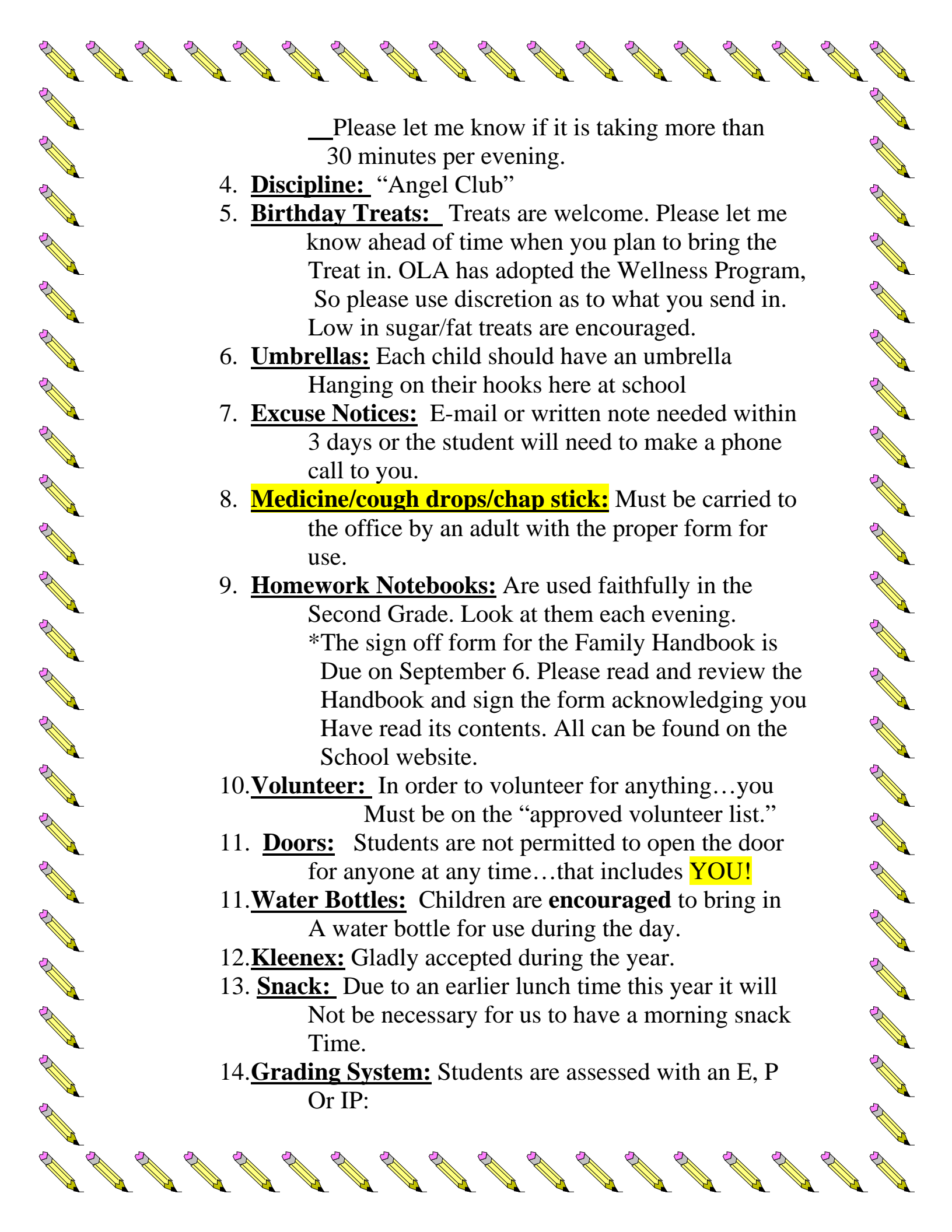
- Includes a great variety of topics such as families, communities, neighborhoods, holiday, important people, maps, globes and patriotic citizenship.

V. Religion

* Introduces children to some of the basic teachings about the sacramental life of the Catholic Church as they find out what it means to belong to the Christian community

VI. Other:

1. **Mass**: Students should be attending weekend Mass faithfully.
2. **Friday Folders**: Sign and mark the inside of the folder All papers can remain at home.
3. **Homework**: Given most evenings Monday-Thursday.



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30 minutes per evening.

4. **Discipline:** “Angel Club”
5. **Birthday Treats:** Treats are welcome. Please let me know ahead of time when you plan to bring the Treat in. OLA has adopted the Wellness Program, So please use discretion as to what you send in. Low in sugar/fat treats are encouraged.
6. **Umbrellas:** Each child should have an umbrella Hanging on their hooks here at school
7. **Excuse Notices:** E-mail or written note needed within 3 days or the student will need to make a phone call to you.
8. **Medicine/cough drops/chap stick:** Must be carried to the office by an adult with the proper form for use.
9. **Homework Notebooks:** Are used faithfully in the Second Grade. Look at them each evening.
*The sign off form for the Family Handbook is Due on September 6. Please read and review the Handbook and sign the form acknowledging you Have read its contents. All can be found on the School website.
10. **Volunteer:** In order to volunteer for anything...you Must be on the “approved volunteer list.”
11. **Doors:** Students are not permitted to open the door for anyone at any time...that includes **YOU!**
11. **Water Bottles:** Children are **encouraged** to bring in A water bottle for use during the day.
12. **Kleenex:** Gladly accepted during the year.
13. **Snack:** Due to an earlier lunch time this year it will Not be necessary for us to have a morning snack Time.
14. **Grading System:** Students are assessed with an E, P Or IP:

E: “exceeds expectations”

P: “proficient”

IP: “in progress”

15. **Mission Mondays**; Set Monday on school calendar. Students bring in \$1.00 for the Holy Childhood Association. Students receive the special goodie of the Month for their participation.

16. **CULTURES**: Each class will be studying and learning about a particular culture this year. Second Grade will be learning about the **British Culture**. At the end of the year OLA will celebrate a “Culture Day” to share their new knowledge of their culture. If you have any information, pictures or knowledge that you might have access to about the British Culture please let me know and perhaps you could come in and share with us.

17. **Specials**:

Art: Monday 12:30-1:30 (elementary bldg.)

Gym: Monday 1:30-2:30 (elementary bldg.)

Music: Tuesday 8:30-9:20 (primary bldg.)

Sr. Anna: Thursday 9:15-9:55 (our classroom)

Computer: Thursday 1:15-1:55 (elementary bldg.)

Library: Thursday 1:55-2:35 (elementary bldg.)

I am looking forward to a wonderful year,

Sincerely,

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YOUR SERVANT
IS
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