

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



June 2019

Dear Incoming Second Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to Second Grade! We are excited to have you in our classes in the fall and we want you to begin the school year with skills and strategies to help you to be successful. That is why Mary of Nazareth requires that you continue to work on the IXL math and language arts skill sets that you have been doing this school year and to do some enjoyable reading activities.

Mary of Nazareth School **requires that all students** practice their learning skills by working on the IXL math and language arts objectives from your child's current grade level and to complete the attached Reading projects. The IXL math and language arts skill objectives have been identified for you based on what has been taught this past school year in those classes and the expectations for the beginning of the school year. These objectives have been highlighted / starred by your teacher and a paper copy has been included in this letter to help you to keep track of the skills that you have completed. Please try to do at least 10 of the highlighted math and 10 of the language arts skills. Feel free to do more objectives, your work will be recorded in your online account. Your work will count towards a classroom reward.

In addition to the IXL review, the second grade teachers are asking that you do the following reading projects:

1. The teachers would like you to read the adorable hardback book *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cornin and Harry Bliss. This book can be found at the public library, Barnes & Noble, or at Amazon (for about \$12.00). We hope this book becomes a family favorite. The teachers have planned many amazing activities and lessons to bring this book to life for you as you begin second grade! We know that the students will really enjoy what is in store for them in early September.
2. The teachers would like you to **select at least one other book to read (not Diary of a Worm)** and create a poster about a book that you have read over the summer. Please read the attached rubric. Your teacher will be giving you feedback and a homework pass for your efforts. Remember, your poster will be displayed on the hallway bulletin board for everyone to view during Back to School Night.

Our goal is to provide you with some interesting activities that will keep your reading, grammar, and math skills sharp and will get you ready for second grade. Remember to try to learn a new word every day, pray daily, go to Mass, have fun, play outside, and have a wonderful vacation!

Have a blessed and peaceful summer!
The Second Grade Team

Incoming Second Grade

Summer 2019

Reading Projects

Welcome to Second Grade! The students are being asked to complete the following tasks:

1. **Try to read, or to be read to, everyday for at least 15 minutes.** The time you spend reading should be relaxing and remember it will help you to be prepared for second grade. See how many books you can read over the summer!
2. We are asking that you read *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cornin and Harry Bliss. (There is another *Diary of a Worm, teacher's pet* by the same author that is an "I Can Read, Level 1" book. It has a similar story line but is not the book that we will be doing activities from during the first week of school.) We hope that you will enjoy this book! It is part of a series and you may want to try to read many more books from the series. We want you to fill in the graphic organizer found in this packet. The graphic organizer will help you to be prepared for some great activities that we have planned for the first week of school. Please put your name on the back of the graphic organizer page.
3. Please select **one** of the other books that you have read over the summer; it can not be *Diary of a Worm*. Make a colorful paper poster about that book. Your poster will be displayed in the hallway during the month of September; therefore, it is to be **no bigger than a sheet of computer paper mounted on a piece of construction paper**. We want to be able to display all of the posters in the hallway for everyone to see.
 - The "poster" must have the book title and author, create some illustrations about the story, write at least 2 sentences about the story, and write your name on the front of your poster for everyone to see. You may type this information using at least an 18pt font size.
 - Be creative with your ideas and materials!
4. **The poster is due Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

Name of Book: **Diary of a Worm**
Author: Doreen Cornin and Harry Bliss



Setting:

Where:

When:



Main Character(s):

Other Characters:



Some Events in the Story:

Event 1

Event 2

Event 3



The most important thing in the story is