## SECOND GRADE MEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

## A Letter from Ms. Monaghan

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and is ready for a productive third term. It's hard to believe that we are already more than halfway through the school year! Here's a look at what we've been up to in class and what's coming up in the next few weeks.

English Language Arts (ELA): In ELA, we continue to work hard on our spelling skills, and our weekly spelling tests have helped us expand our vocabulary. We are also continuing to focus on reading comprehension, with biweekly tests to check in on how well we are understanding the stories we read. A fun new addition to our curriculum this term is cursive writing! The students are already excited to begin learning how to write in cursive, and I can't wait to see their progress. In the third term, we will also begin working on creating our very own class book, where the students will contribute their writing and creativity!

**Math:** In math, we are wrapping up our unit on two-digit addition, where the students have been mastering adding numbers like 45 + 32. Soon, we will dive into place value, where we will explore the value of digits in numbers. This is an exciting time as we get ready to build a solid foundation for future math skills!

**Religion:** In Religion, we have been learning about Advent and the birth of Jesus, focusing on the story of His arrival and what it teaches us about love and giving. We've also discussed how we can share God's love with others, helping our students think about ways to spread kindness both in and outside of school.

Social Studies: We recently wrapped up our Geography unit, where we learned all about maps, continents, and land. The students really enjoyed exploring the world! Now, we are moving into Science, where we are studying the properties of materials. The students have been observing and experimenting with different materials to understand how they are used in everyday life. This handson learning is really exciting!

**Looking Ahead**: We have an exciting third term ahead! We will be working on some very special projects, including our class book and a few fun science experiments. As always, thank you for your continued support and for helping your child succeed both at school and at home.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to the new term!

Sincerely, Ms. Erin Monaghan 2nd Grade Teacher