



# Grade 2B First Day Newsletter

Dear Parents of 2B,



to grade two!



What a delight it has been to get to know your child today as we begin this school year. Over the next few days, you will receive many pieces of information about our class and SCA Elementary, so please watch those backpacks!

Each month I will post our monthly calendar and newsletter on our website ([sce2b.schoolsites.ca](http://sce2b.schoolsites.ca)) which will include much of the information you'll need to assist and prepare your child for our daily activities. I will also be sending your child's work, parent notes and other bits of information as needed, so please check the backpack **each day**. If you have a note for me, **please alert your child to give it to me, as I will not check their backpacks. Thank you.**

Most of your child's supplies have been purchased and the fee will be a part of the school fees. In addition, they will need a pair of good running shoes and a pair of labeled ear buds or headphones from home.

Teachers: I am the Grade 2B homeroom teacher and will be teaching all of the subjects except for Music, which is taught by Ms. Roussel.

The following is some information about our classroom routines. Please email or call me if you have any unanswered questions.

1. **Bible memory:** Three times per month a new verse will be given that we will discuss in class. Please help your child learn these at home. Verses will be recited and checked on Fridays (check the monthly calendar for week numbers). A list of the Bible memory verses for the year is posted on our classroom website at [sce2b.schoolsites.ca](http://sce2b.schoolsites.ca) under the Bible Memory tab. Please keep the list in a handy place at home.
2. **Spelling words:** On Mondays, your child will bring home the weekly list, which will consist of 10 words. Please study them each night as repetition is essential. Each week we will focus on a particular sound or skill. Tests are usually on Fridays. (Sometimes on Thursdays...check the calendar each month) A list of the spelling words for the year is posted on our classroom website at [sce2b.schoolsites.ca](http://sce2b.schoolsites.ca) under the spelling tab.
3. **Club reading:** Home reading is an **essential** part of our language arts program, and we will be using the Club reading program again this year to encourage daily practice. Please send them in as soon as your child is done. Through the year, students receive fun rewards when they return the sheets to school. **Listening to your child read out loud each night is the number one way you can help your child this year!** Please watch for further information on this program in the coming weeks.
4. **Allergies:** Our school has children that have severe nut allergies. Please do not send any items that have come in contact with nuts of any kind. Thank you.

5. **Snacks and birthday snacks:** Each morning we have a short snack time in the class. Please send a snack for this time that is **HEALTHY** (fruit, vegetables, cheese...), and please save the juice boxes for lunch time. If something in your child's lunch requires a fork or spoon please send that along as well as I do not have any on hand. Please do not send anything that contains nuts in your child's lunch as we are a nut-aware school. Please work with your child so s/he can open all containers in his/her lunch kit by themselves. The lunch supervisor moves between several classes so, to ensure your child can start eating right away, it would be very helpful if students can open their own thermos and containers.

If you would like to bring a birthday snack on your child's birthday, we will share that either during lunch or at the end of the day. Please ensure it is something easy for your child to hand out.

6. **Library:** Your child will be able to sign out books in a few weeks time. Each week, books need to be brought back to either be returned or renewed. Our library day is Tuesday.
7. **Class helpers:** I am happy to welcome parent helpers into the classroom. Thank-you for your willingness to help. I will send out an email from Sign-Up Genius with more information on signing up. When you come in, there will be a bin sitting on the table outside our classroom with instructions to read. Parent helper times are from 9:15-10:30 am on Fridays to listen to Bible memory. If you can stay longer, please let me know so I can prepare a workroom task (cutting, photocopying, preparing materials, etc.). Thank-you!!
8. **Morning devotions:** Devotion time begins *promptly* in the morning and is an essential and meaningful start to our day. Please ensure your child arrives at school **before 8:35am** to ensure he/she can settle in before this time. Students need time to organize their belongings to be in their desks by the first bell.
9. **All About Me Poster:** Your child will have a special week this year during which they will be our Student of the Week. An information letter will be coming home over the next few days that will explain how this works and it will have the schedule attached. The week before your child's turn, the poster will be sent home with further instructions so that you can work on it together before hand.
10. **Homework expectations:** Homework in Grade two consists of practicing basic skills. The time should be about 25 minutes per night, which would include reading (15 min), practicing spelling words and reciting Bible verses. I may send incomplete work home with your child if he or she is having difficulty completing it during class time. Please check your child's backpack each day.
11. **Booklets/Tests:** During this year many booklets will come home with work we have done in class. We use these booklets to read, learn, and practice. *They are usually not marked.* Students will not get study sheets or be expected to study for large amounts of time at home in grade 2, but it would be helpful to read and talk through the information in these booklets with your child to help them better understand the information. If your child is absent, however, the booklet may come home with blank pages, in which case it is expected that you talk through the pages and do the ones that were missed with your child.
12. **Communication:** If there are any difficulties, concerns or issues you have along the way, please communicate with me first. It is always good to bring issues to the surface and do what we can to resolve them quickly. Most concerns can be dealt with through phone calls or notes. Please do not send an email to discuss time sensitive issues (phone call or note please). Throughout the year, I may send a note

home about a concern that may need to be reviewed, signed and returned to me. If you have a note for me, your child is responsible for bringing it to my basket on my desk in the morning (I will not be checking their backpacks). Please feel free to call me at the school as well, to discuss any issues. If you need to relay a quick message that is not time-sensitive, my email address is [andrea.breitkreuz@eips.ca](mailto:andrea.breitkreuz@eips.ca).

**Prayer support:** Please pray for God's Holy Spirit to enable me to touch each of your children's lives in a special and meaningful way this year, and for them to grow spiritually and academically. Please let me know if we can pray for you or your family in any specific way.

I look forward to working with you as your child grows and develops in their grade two year, and to see Christ working in our midst together.

In Christ,  
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