



Dear Parents,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** I pray that you and your family had a blessed and restful vacation. I know my vacation was blessed but I am not sure if I rested enough. One thing I did enjoy was putting my teenagers to work by helping me clean out kitchen cabinets and closets! Teenagers are a big help!

Thank you again for all of my gifts. I decided I would use the **SCRIP certificate** to help pay for a hotel when I visit my daughter, Sr. M. Isabella, in Illinois! I only see her a couple times a year so this will be a great help when I am able to see her again.

The children were excellent this week. Something amazing happens to Second Graders after Christmas vacation. They seem to grow tremendously. Hopefully, you can observe growth at home also.

The First Reconciliation is approaching quickly. We have been practicing the Rite of Reconciliation in school and will continue for the next two weeks. It would be helpful if you helped your child at home. The more they are familiar with the process the more comfortable they will be on January 21.

Just a reminder... Several children still need to bring in a **small photo** of themselves for a Reconciliation project. Please send the photo in on **Monday, 1/9/12** if you haven't already sent one to school.


Next week we will complete another Language Arts Unit Test. I know they all will be quite successful.

Have a peaceful weekend! Peace to you!

Amy Erb



**NEXT WEEK WE WILL LEARN**

<p><u><b>RELIGION</b></u> Chapter 23 We Share In God's Life</p>	<p><u><b>PHONICS &amp; SPELLING</b></u> <u>Phonics Sounds:</u> Review silent letters, long e spelled y, ey and short e spelled ea <u>No Test Next Week</u></p>	<p><u><b>COMPREHENSION</b></u> <u>Context Clues</u> <u>Fantasy vs. Reality</u> <u>Unit Test</u></p>
<p><u><b>GRAMMAR</b></u> Combining Sentences</p>	<p><u><b>WRITING</b></u> Explanatory Writing</p>	<p><u><b>MATH</b></u> Chapter 11 Addition with Regrouping</p>
<p><u><b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b></u> Guidance with Mrs. Hopson <u><b>SCIENCE</b></u> Moon Phases</p>	<p><u><b>PRAYERS</b></u> Act of Contrition</p>	<p>Please be sure your child has pencils, plenty of rest and outdoor play time!! </p>