

Welcome to Grade 2 – Homeroom A at Our Lady of Victory School

Welcome to Homeroom A! This year we will be working together for most of our subjects. If you ever have any questions or concerns, I can be reached via email at j.lamaria@victoryedu.com or through Class Dojo. You can also read updates about our classroom events and activities on our website and on our Class Dojo stories.

Communication: This year, I will be using email, and Class Dojo to keep you informed about classroom and school activities. These are FREE services that allow me send quick messages via text, or the app to every family in the class. We can stay in touch without revealing our personal contact information. Please see the attached instruction sheets. If you have any difficulty signing up, please let me know.

Agendas: Students will record notes, messages, and important dates in their agendas on a daily basis. **Please check and sign your child's agenda each evening.** Notes to and from the school may be placed in the pouch at the front of the agenda.

Home Reading: Students are encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes each evening, with an adult. Students will have access to www.raz-kids.com. Usernames and passwords will be sent home. The kids can also login to **Epic books** <https://kids.getepic.com/app/my-students> out code is cnu6566

Religion: We will be learning about We Belong to God's Family, The Road to Bethlehem, Jesus Guides Us, The Story of Lent and Easter and We are Blessed in Faith Prayer. Prayers like Our Father, Hail Mary/Holy Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition and Angel of God are a part of our daily schedule.

Language Arts: students will be exposed to many activities to develop stronger reading and writing skills, increase fluency and confidence. This year we will incorporate Daily Five, spelling and weekly word study activities, phonetic and literacy activities, show & tell, home reading, and guided reading. Language skills are used daily in many subject areas.

Science: The strands we will be covering this year are: Position and Motion, Properties of Liquids and Gases, Growth and Changes in Animals, Air and Water in the Environment. Students will explore the curriculum with hands-on experimentation, and research.

Social Studies: the strands we will be learning about this year are:

Our Local Community - focus on various aspects of communities. They locate their local communities on a map and explore the influence of the natural environment, important people and leaders, and cultural groups in their communities. Through stories of their local community, past and present, students become aware of their identity and heritage. They also consider their personal contributions to leadership and peaceful conflict resolution.

Communities in Canada – enhance their awareness of the cultural and geographic diversity of Canada through the study of one Aboriginal community and one other Canadian community. They explore natural and constructed features of communities,

and examine concepts related to natural resources, work, goods, and services, and how these factors shape life in communities. They also discover how communities have changed over.

The Canadian Community – explore different aspects of Canada, including national symbols, the origins of place names, and the presence and influence of diverse languages and cultural communities. They examine the diverse yet similar aspects of the Canadian community and how people in communities meet their needs. They also locate Canada on a map and consider connections that link Canada to other countries.

Math: The students will be learning about patterns and relations; statistics and probability; measurement; number/number operations. The students will be exposed to activities that will develop sorting skills, develop measuring skills using nonstandard measuring tools, develop larger pattern skills, develop stronger number sense, understanding of place value, and work on two-digit addition/subtraction with regrouping.

All students will be learning strategies to improve their mental math skills, and problem solving skills. All students will receive login information for www.happynumbers.com and are encouraged to visit this website on a regular basis to strengthen their math skills.