



# Grade 2A First Day Newsletter

Dear Parents of 2A,

**WELCOME** 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 we will post our monthly calendar and newsletter on our website ([sca2a.weebly.com](http://sca2a.weebly.com)) which will include much of the information you'll need to assist and prepare your child for our daily activities. We 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 us, **please alert your child to give it to us, as we 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 from home.

Teachers: Mrs. Thornton teaches in the morning and is the Grade 2A homeroom teacher, teaching LA and Math. Mrs. Dawe will take over in the afternoons. She teaches Science, Social, Art, and Bible in the afternoons. Ms. Schaar will be teaching Phys. Ed and Miss Roussel will be teaching Music and will join the students for the library period.

The following is some information about our classroom routines. Please email or call us 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 [sca2a.weebly.com](http://sca2a.weebly.com) 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 [sca2a.weebly.com](http://sca2a.weebly.com) 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. More information will be given at Meet the Teacher night, with forms given to you at that time.

**Please send them in as soon as your child is done.** Through the year, students receive fun rewards when they return the sheets promptly to school. Having your child read to you each night will allow him/her to feel successful this year.

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 *does not require a spoon*, is **HEALTHY** (fruit, vegetables, cheese...), and **no** juice boxes (save these for lunchtime.) If you would like to bring a nut-free individually packaged birthday snack on your child's birthday, we will share that during lunch (11:35am).
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 Thursday.
7. **Book orders:** You can order Scholastic books anytime during the school year. Your order will ship to your home or the school and you can shop online at [scholastic.ca/clubshop](http://scholastic.ca/clubshop). By entering our class code at checkout (**RC221754**) our class will earn 20% in rewards. Thank-you for your support of this program as it allows us to purchase new books for the classroom.
8. **Class helpers:** We are happy to welcome parent helpers into our classrooms. More information will follow at the Meet the Teacher night.
9. **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 8:40am** to ensure he/she is able to settle in before this time. Students need time to wash their hands and organize their belongings in order to be in their desks by the first bell.
10. **Lunchtime:** 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 avoid cross contamination and to ensure your child can start eating right away, it would be very helpful if students can open their own thermos and containers. Please provide necessary utensils as we do not have extra spoons and forks in the classroom.

Any questions you may have about the year may be answered at Meet the Teacher night, or feel free to contact us through email or at the school at 780 449-2787. Your child's progress and adjustment to this year is of great importance to us. Please let us know if you have any concerns at all.

We 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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