Dear Second Grade Families,

I truly appreciate all the time and effort you have all put forth these past 2 weeks of e-learning. It has been a challenge, but we are all doing our best to continue to support our students. In the past we have used ClassDojo to connect and share student work, but I had found a new platform that will better suit our needs as we continue to learn from a distance.

We will now be using a site called Seesaw to submit student work and connect with families. I understand this will be a new site to most so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have or feedback about your experience or any information that would be helpful for me in terms of supporting families and students through this change.

## ⇒ Why are we switching to SeeSaw?

- o I believe it will be a better platform to teach and review lessons with students.
- o ClassDojo was limiting in terms of the format and content of activity options.
- o I believe it will be more beneficial to students, especially as we are still unsure of when things will return to normal.

## $\Rightarrow$ How will parents and families be supported?

- o Written step-by-step instructions with visuals for various features of SeeSaw.
- o Video tutorials of different features available for students and parents.
- o Continued availability via messages, both on SeeSaw and ClassDojo.
- o Communications still available via ClassDojo
  - Note: All student work will be assigned and turned in on SeeSaw
- o I will be available for phone calls and texting daily between 9am and 4pm. (651-308-6023)
  - If those times don't work for you, I am more than happy to schedule a time outside of those hours to fit your schedule.

## ⇒ How will students be held accountable for their work?

- o While we are not physically in school, e-learning days are still school days and per the Archdiocese, students are still expected to complete and receive credit for their work.
- o Daily attendance check-ins are still required.
- o Students need to have all assignments submitted by <u>8am the following</u> morning.

- I understand families still may be working and want to make elearning as manageable as possible for you. Please let me know if you are having a hard time meeting the deadline or making schedules work.
- o Grades will be entered for student assignments at least once a week on PowerSchool. Students will receive grades for the following assignments:
  - 30 minutes on iReady Reading and iReady Math daily
    - Students will be graded for the minutes completed each day.
  - Any assignments assigned on SeeSaw.
  - 1 book on Razkids each day (this includes listening to it, reading it, and completing the comprehension quiz).

\*There will be a check list posted on SeeSaw to help students stay accountable and organized with their daily assignments.

Thank you again for all your support! I look forward to continuing to work with you as we navigate this new situation and working together to engage our students and support their learning and well-being. As always, please let me know if you have any questions or if there is any way  $\mathbf{I}$  can help to support you.

Ms. Wild