



# Second Grade

Hello, my name is Suzette Gibson. This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year teaching at St. Peter's. I am originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. I earned my Masters degree in Education through Notre Dame University of Maryland and maintain certification as a State of Maryland educator.

Suzanne Leginze is our wonderful second grade aide. Between the two of us we have had 5 children attend St. Peter's School and have a strong commitment to the education of its students. We both feel extremely blessed to be involved in the second grade family this year. Our goal is to work with each and every student to help them achieve their greatest potential and learn new skills and build a strong foundation for future success. Second graders are also blessed to be preparing for their sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion this year. We look forward to sharing our success with you this year so, check back often to hear what we are up to. We would also love to have you share your time, talent, and ideas with our class. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments at [school2@stpeterswaldorf.org](mailto:school2@stpeterswaldorf.org).

# St. Peter's Second Grade has had an AWESOME fall!

Our first Science lessons taught us about Life Science. We had many opportunities to explore plants and animals with our class.

We built and then planted a class garden. We planted cool weather crops. In the spring we will plant new vegetables and hope to be able to make a lunch for ourselves from our crops! The Maryland Zoo came to school to teach us about endangered animals. We are doing our best to share this planet with all of God's creatures and take care of the gift. We had a special visitor teach us ALL about different kinds of seeds and we also had investigations to explore Science fruits and Science vegetables.



Social Studies lessons focused on reading maps and learning about our world. Students created a paper mache globe to complete our unit. Wow, did we have fun with this project! Our next unit focused on Native Americans. We enjoyed reading tales from each region and then creating a Mural to represent our favorite Native American Region.



Our Religion lessons had us thinking of ways to help others during the exciting Advent Season. Our class collected 59 pairs of new pajamas to give to local children. We hope that they all are able to enjoy a snugly warm pair of pajamas this cold winter season. Second grade has a tradition of a Cookie Exchange. We added to that tradition this year by making a tray of cookies to give to the Safe Nights program at our school, sheltering the homeless for the week of Christmas. We believe that everyone should have Christmas Cookies!! We are also learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation to receive that next step in our young Catholic lives in February.



We continue to work super hard on our Math lessons to earn our Math Medals. We read every day and are well on our way to earning all of the Reading Dog Tags. We have written an autobiography, a friendly letter, and weekly Family Response Journals. Wow, are we proud of ourselves!!



Second Grade has much to look forward to also. Our field trip to the Planetarium is coming soon. We will be focusing on the Winter Olympics, writing poetry, bringing items in for the estimation jar, and more visitors in our class to share their jobs with us so we can learn how Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math will be important for our future.

Check in with us again in the spring to see what we have been up to!

