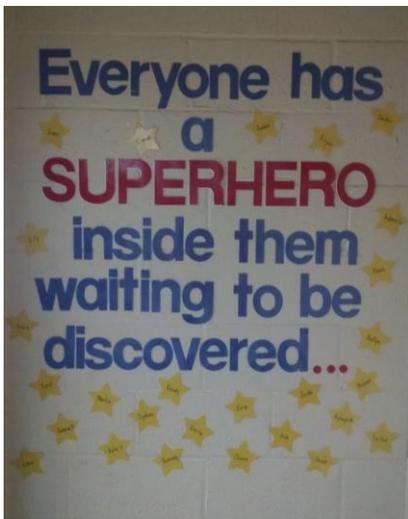
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# Second Grade

Hello, my name is Suzette Gibson. This is my 15<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 Holy 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@gostorm.org](mailto:school2@gostorm.org).

## Second Grade is Super busy learning in Winter!



Second grade will be using their superpowers all year as they learn to read independently (and love it!), master new math skills, embrace God's word, and care for his creations.

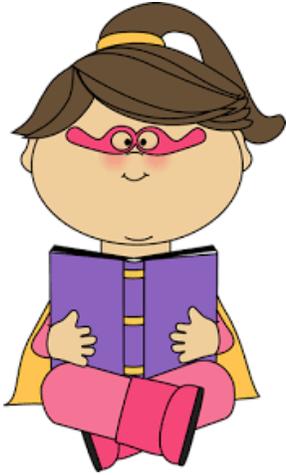
We have had lots of fun using our thinking and problem solving skills along with STEM lessons in science. We especially enjoyed using pumpkins this fall. Our favorite was watching what happened to a piece of pumpkin that we all touched and another piece that we did



not touch. We will be focusing on Earth Science lessons this winter. Our field trip to the planetarium is coming in February along with a restaurant visit to Chevy's. We hope to learn more about Our Changing Earth at the planetarium. The visit to Chevy's will test us on our Spanish vocabulary and let us see what happens in the kitchen of a busy restaurant.



Our year of preparing for our First Sacraments has begun. Students will be receiving their First Reconciliation in February. Students have been enjoying bringing our Traveling Mary home so that they can practice praying the rosary with their family. Our class was very proud to collect over 30 pairs of pajamas to donate to local children in need this winter. We have other service projects that we would like to complete in the coming months.



Second grade has begun to practice cursive writing skills. It is not easy but we are dedicated to learning something new. We enjoyed writing Friendly Letters this fall and receiving many responses! Next we are starting a weekly writing project - A Responst Journal. We will write a letter each Friday to a family member about what we learned that week. The best part is to read what the family member will write back to us.

The next part of Social Studies will focus on learning about immigrants and our own personal culture. Second grade will create a poster to share their own culture with the school. We have a lot to learn and share about our family.



We love to have 'experts' come to share with us in class.

If you would like to share your career or passion with second grade or just want to come read to us, please contact Mrs. Gibson

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