




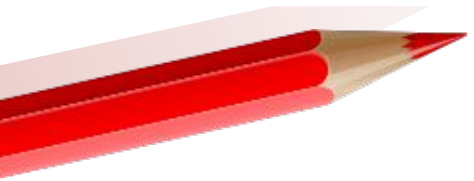

2020 -
2021

Parent Information


Welcome to 2nd Grade!



Curriculum



Welcome to Second Grade at St. James!
The following pages provide an overview of our second grade curriculum. I look forward to working with your child this year as they grow academically and spiritually.



It's a **GREAT "year"** to be a **Bulldog!**

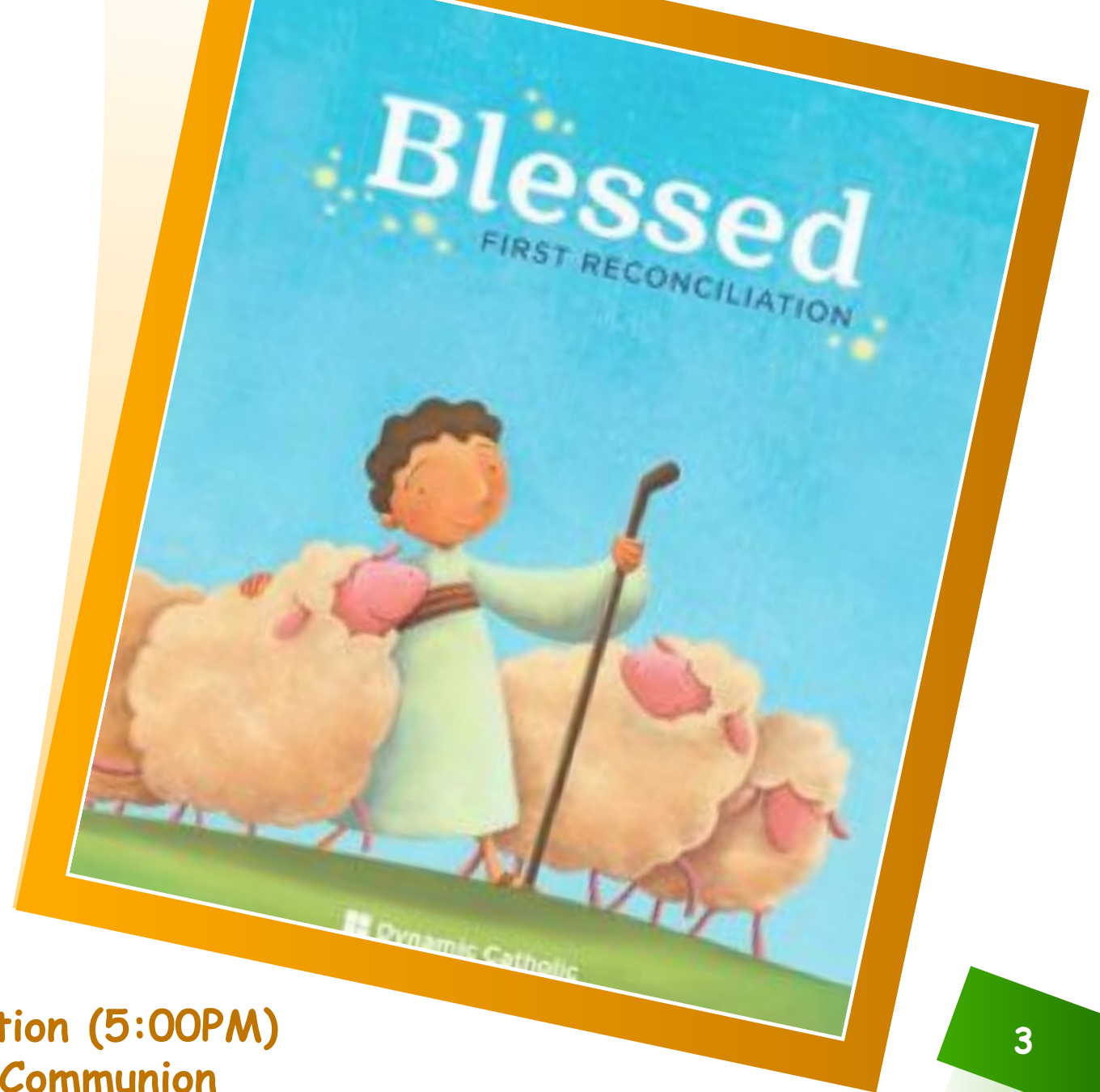
Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

Religion

Blessed by Dynamic Catholic

- Presenting the Church's teaching in ways that are engaging, accessible, and relevant.
- Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.
- Focus on the Mass.
- Familiarity with prayer
- Relationship with Prayer Buddies
- Communion Workshop

Important Dates: 1/19/21 Reconciliation (5:00PM)
5/1/21 First Holy Communion



Reading/LA/ Spelling

Reading/Writing Workshop

- Guided Reading to develop fluency and comprehension
- Expand vocabulary
- Variety of genres
- Grammar skills and proofreading
- Writer's Workshop
- Spelling patterns and applications
- Handwriting/Cursive (not until January!)



Reading gives us somewhere to go when we have to stay where we are.

Math

Addition & Subtraction

Place Value

Counting money

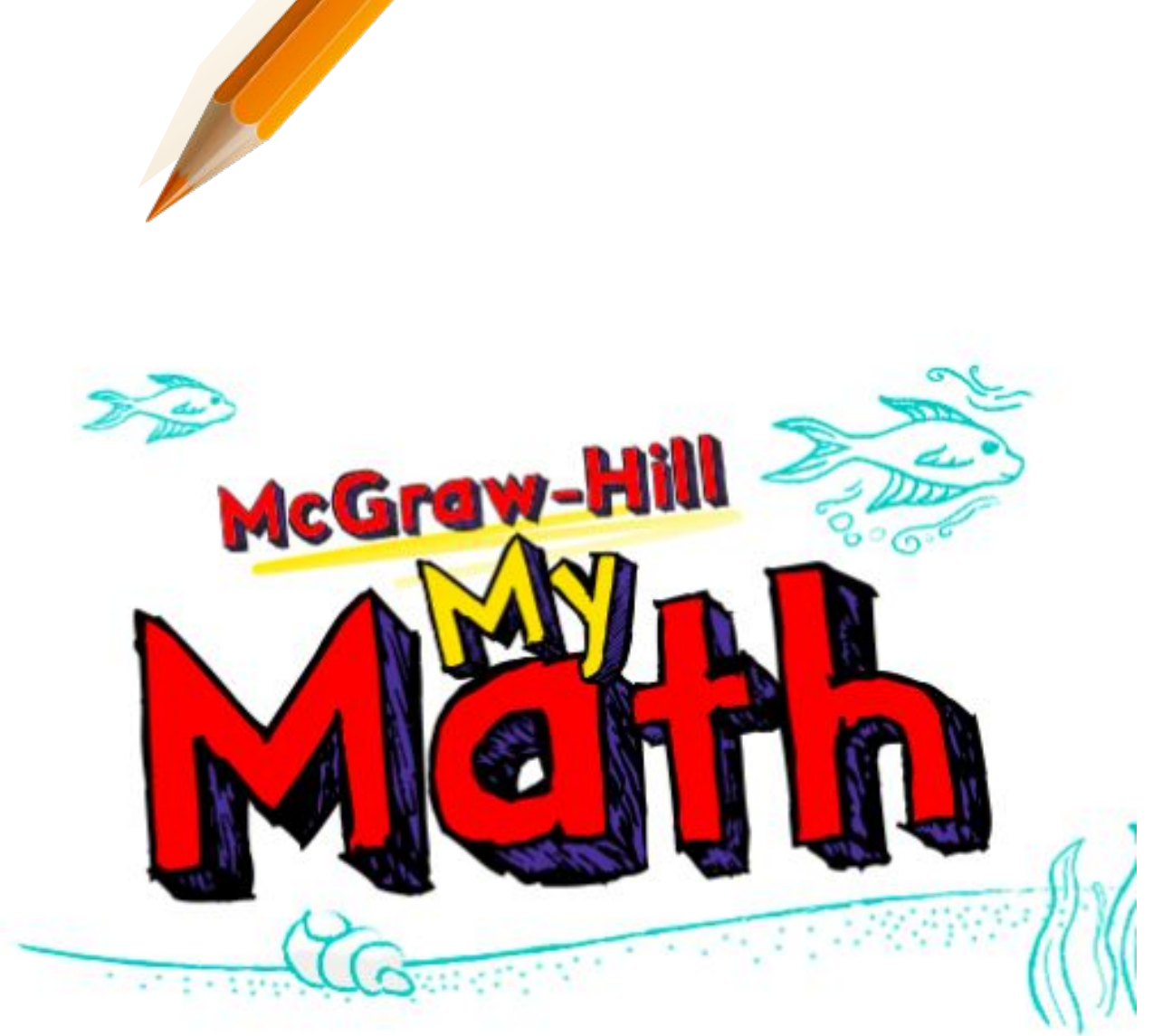
Telling time

Data analysis

Measurement

Problem Solving

and skills review with Simple Solutions



Practice math fact fluency with Xtra Math.

Science

Elevate Science

By Savvas/Pearson

- STEM Program
- Follows the 5 E's of Learning
ENGAGE, EXPLORE, EXPLAIN, ELABORATE, and EVALUATE
- Units of Study
 - Properties of Matter / Changing Matter
 - Earth, Water, Land /Earth's Processes
 - Plants & Animals / Habitats

The future of the world is in my classroom today!



Social Studies

My World By Savvas/Pearson

Program features:

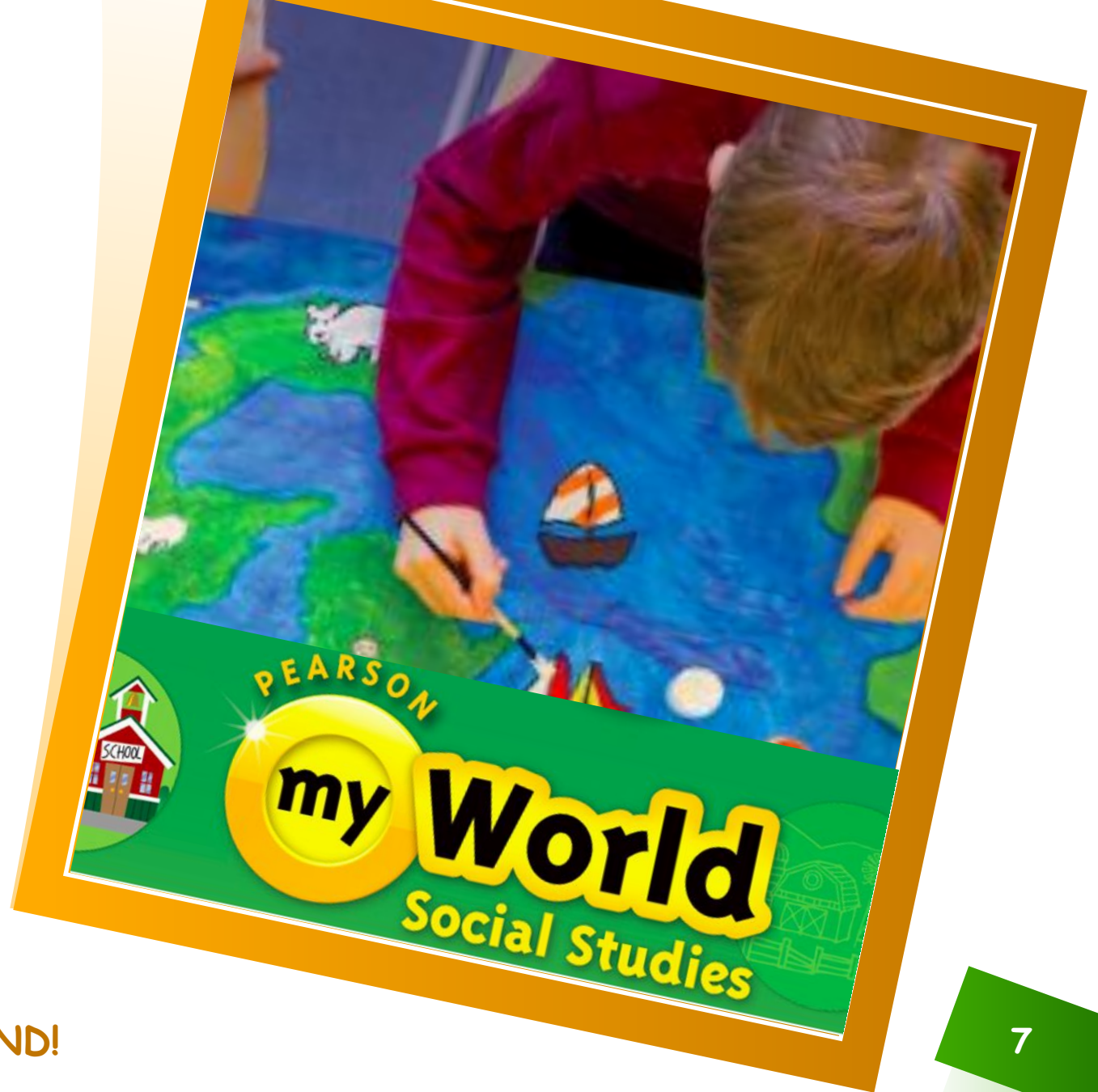
Map Skills Critical Thinking Literacy Citizenship

Units of Study

Families / People, places, & Nature / Government /
Goods & Services / Making a Difference / American
Culture

Current events - Scholastic News 2

In a world where you can be anything... BE KIND!



Technology

**Each student is assigned
their own iPad**

- Code.org
- Typing Club
- IXL
- Seesaw
- Xtra Math
- Brain Pop Jr.
- ...and much more!



Special Schedule and Events

- Birthdays (No treats this year)
- See Friday Folders and Newsletters for school info
- Scholastic Book Orders
(Dillon Class Code - MD8X3)
(Madden Class Code - DY6TW)

*ALL SNACKS and LUNCHES MUST BE FROM THE APPROVED FOOD LIST. NO EXCEPTIONS!

MONDAY

New Spelling list
Second Step with Mrs. McGowan

TUESDAY

Gym

WEDNESDAY

Mass 9:00 (All are welcome!)
Music

THURSDAY

Gym

FRIDAY

Spelling Assessment
Communion Workshop
(Jan. – April)

Homework

- ✓ Read 20 minutes EVERY night
- ✓ Practice math facts
- ✓ PRAY



Develop good homework and study habits early. School should be the priority.

Assessment



Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS)

- Be Safe
 - Be Respectful
 - Be Responsible
 - Be Christlike
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Grading Scale:

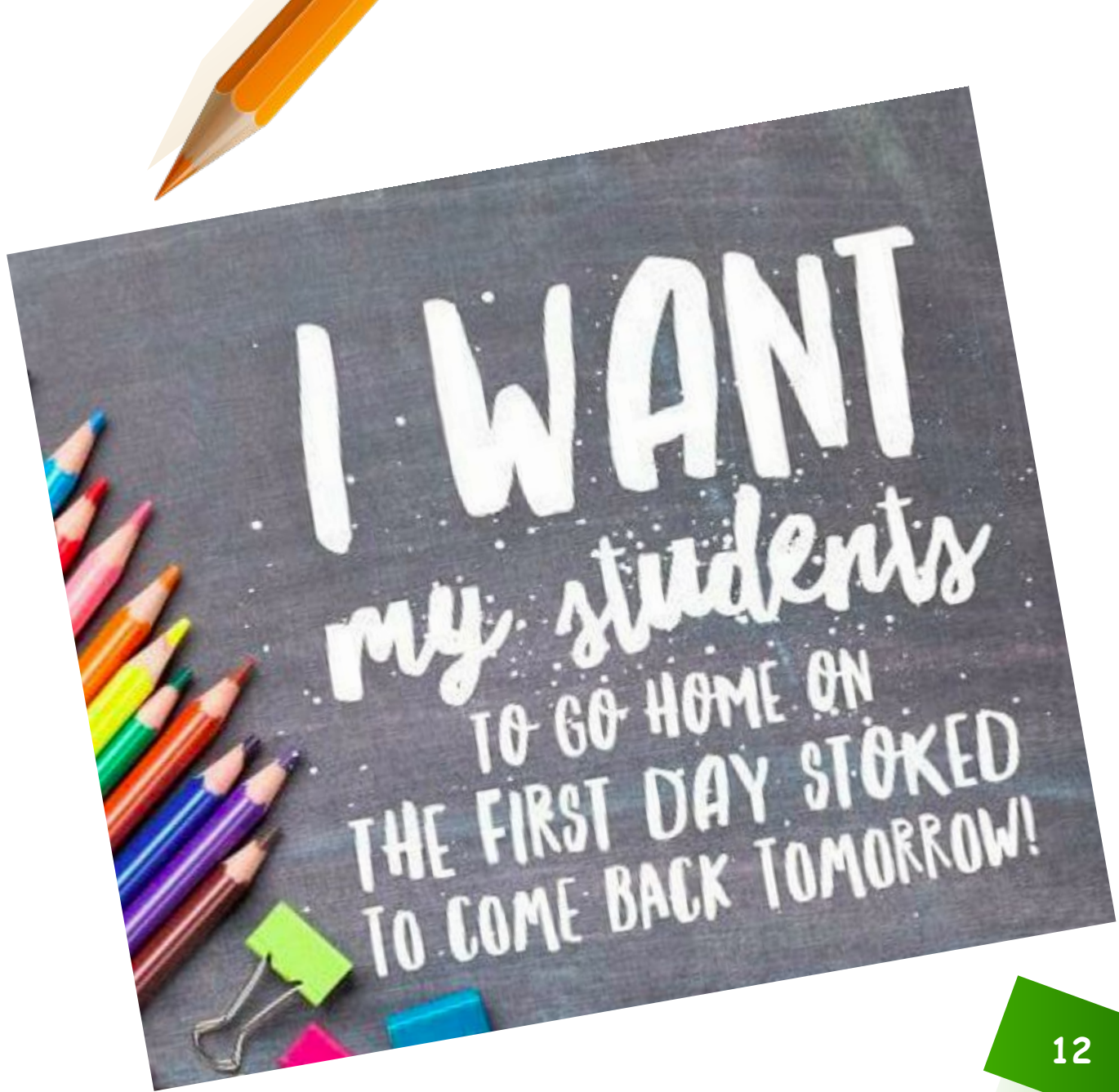
- **M** Mastered (Consistently demonstrates skill)
- **S** Successful (Frequently demonstrates skill)
- **E** Emerging (Occasionally demonstrates skill)
- **N** Not Yet (Rarely/Never demonstrates skill)

"Raising children should mean helping them become what they already are in God's eyes."

We are looking forward
to a great year!

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GOD IS GOOD...ALL THE TIME!