



October 30, 2017

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

This is a very busy and fun week for us! Please take a few minutes to read through these reminders.

REMINDERS

Halloween Party: The party will be tomorrow, October 31st at 2:00 pm. Students may dress in **orange** and black. Please, no costumes or face paint. *Thank you so much to all of the parents helping with the party!*

Reading logs: Reading Logs for October are **due this Wednesday.** The reflection on the back of the calendar needs to be done as well.

3rd grade Mass: The 3rd grade is leading the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 15th at 8:35 AM. Please let me know if your child will not be there.

Conferences: Conference sign-ups went live last Friday. If you know you are unable to conference with me on one of these days or have a schedule conflict with the times available, please be sure to contact me as soon as possible. I'm flexible and my priority is meeting with you and your child. Here is the link for 3rd grade conference sign-ups:

<https://holyrosaryws.org/parentstudentteacher-conference-signups/>

Book Report: The students will be assigned their first book report today. They will be making a **Story Wheel** that shows important story elements from their book. They are to choose a fiction book (preferably 200 pages or less). It can be a book that they are already reading, but not one that they have already read. Your child will be given the instructions for the book report tomorrow and also a rubric, which I will use when grading them. This report is due on **Wednesday, November 29th.**

Geography Quiz: Last week we finished our Geography unit, **there will be a short quiz next Thursday, November 9th.** A study guide will be coming home with your child tomorrow.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit: Students have been reciting The Prayer to the Holy Spirit. This prayer will need to be memorized by **Monday, November 6th.** Your child can also recite the prayer to me before this

date, if they are ready. They can recite the prayer to me before school, after school or at recess.

Here is the prayer in case your child can't find their prayer card:

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always to rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

CURRICULUM

Math: We take a subtraction assessment and then move on to problem solving. This week we focus on looking for key words and information to help solve word problems.

Reading: Today and tomorrow we read and perform several short Halloween plays about bats, spiders, and pumpkins! Students will practice reading aloud in front of the class with excellent expression. This week we read chapter 8, our target skills are cause and effect and setting.

Science: This week we will continue to study life cycles. Students will start to learn about polar bears and their life cycle. Students will also review animal adaptations with a Halloween-themed reading activity

Social Studies: We finish making our Geography lapbooks. We will have a geography quiz next Thursday.

Language Arts: We finish our descriptive Fall poem. Students begin working on writing a personal narrative about something that has happened in their life. This week students will pick an event to write about and brain storm ideas.

Religion: We will briefly talk about **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day**. We will also finish our "Family Showing Care" comic strips and share in class. Then, students will work in groups of 3 for Unit I review. We will have a unit test on Friday, Nov 3, 2017 (before going to church for adoration

Spelling: The homework is due Thursday and test will be Friday. Our pattern this week is *unexpected consonant spellings*.

itch	wreck	knee	patch	wrap	knot
watch	knife	stretch	write	knew	knock
match	wrong				

Challenge word: wrinkle

This week's star: Mattie

No star next week

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Erin Meland

