

November 27, 2017

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

I really enjoyed meeting with you all last week for conferences, I am so proud of the work your kids are doing! I hope you had a great Thanksgiving break! I really enjoyed spending time with my family and eating some wonderful food. We have a little over three weeks until Christmas break and the third grade will be busy, busy, busy!

REMINDERS

Book Report: The book report is due this Wednesday. I can't wait to see the finished products!

Reading logs: The November reading log is due Friday and the December reading log will come home with your child on Friday as well.

Christmas Poems: Students will be sharing their poem with the class on Thursday, December 7th. They will be assessed on expression, voice, eye contact, and hand motions. I can't wait to hear the poems!

Nativity Play: The parts will be chosen tomorrow and the scripts will be handed out! The students are VERY excited about this play! Students should be practicing their parts every night. The students may bring their scripts home to practice, but they must bring them back everyday to practice in class.

You're Invited:

We will present our play on Friday, December 15th. Our performance will be at **9:15 am**. All parents, grandparents and siblings under 5 are invited. I'll give more information regarding costumes and props soon. Sorry, siblings at Holy Rosary will not be able to attend, due to limited space.

Christmas Program:

The Christmas program is Thursday, December 14th at 6:30pm in the Church. Students have the lyrics in their folder. These lyrics need to be practiced and memorized at home.

Advent Outreach:

During Advent, as a school every class collects money and items to give to an organization and canned food for the Parish food bank. The third grade will be collecting monetary donations and purchasing a Christmas meal for 2 local families in need. During the Safeway field trip, students will price and purchase items that a family needs to purchase for a Christmas meal. We know this is a busy season with many financial pulls on families. If possible, consider donating any amount of money that makes sense for your family. We encourage you to find ways for your children to earn the money to donate as well by completing chores, etc. This is a great leadership opportunity for our class and a chance for students to live out Catholic social teachings.

Safeway Field trip: If your child has not turned in the permission slip yet, please do so by Wednesday.

CURRICULUM

Reading: We finish reading the Boxcar Children this week and take a final assessment on the book.

Math: We begin chapter 5-understanding division. This week we do hands-on division and focus on the concept of division as equal sharing. We also look at division as repeated subtraction.

Religion: We will go over the Liturgical Year and will focus on the Advent Season.

Science: Students will conduct an experiment to learn about polar bear adaptations. We will have a presentation from wildlife photographer Steve Kazlowski on Thursday morning.

Social Studies: We finish our pic-collages on Ellis Island and wrap up our study of immigration.

Second Step: This week will begin a unit on empathy. We will focus on identifying others' feelings be look for clues on a person's face or body and understanding that people can have different feelings about the same situation.

Spelling: The assignment is due Thursday, and the test is on Friday.

talk	cross	awful	law	cloth	cost
crawl	chalk	also	raw	salt	wall
lawn	always				

Challenge word: strawberry

Star of the week: Reese

Next week's star: Colin

Sincerely,

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