

March 19, 2018

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

The students did an amazing job on their presentations and projects last week! I'm so proud of all their hard work and it's amazing to see how much progress we've made this year. Thank you for your support with these projects!

**Reminders:**

**Report Cards:** Report cards are coming home on Friday. Please remember to turn in any missing library books or pay fines so that your child can receive his or her report card!

**Native American Projects:** Native American projects and grades will be coming home next **Tuesday, March 27th.**

**ATTENTION ALL FUN-SEEKERS:**

It is time to sign up for the annual **Bingo Bash** with the Teachers! **Sign-up sheet** was sent home with your child **today**. For those of you whose children have never attended, it's a very fun night for the kids to spend with their classmates and teachers playing bingo, eating pizza and winning prizes! It is our faculty auction donation and always raises lots of money for our wonderful school. Parents drop the children off at the gym at 6:00 pm on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and pick them up at 8:00, so it allows you time to have some fun yourselves while the kids are here at school! Your child will definitely want to be part of the fun. Send all completed forms back with your child or drop them at the office. THANK YOU!!!

**BROWN BAG FRIDAYS FOR ST. MARTIN de PORRES MEN'S SHELTER:**

Every year, as part of our Lenten Outreach, Holy Rosary School has provided lunches to the men at St. Martin de Porres shelter. Students are asked to bring a lunch or two and a toiletry item on designated Fridays during Lent.

These lunches can be kept cold, so perishable food is fine.

\*\*Please keep the toiletry items separate from the lunches:

- March 23 – men's socks

**For 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade we are collecting the following:**

**\*Money for Uganda-** Throughout Lent we will be collecting money for Uganda. We encourage you to find ways for your child to earn this money through chores or good works so that they feel responsible for

their donations. Every dollar helps!

**\*CHIEF SEATTLE CLUB:** The 3rd grade is collecting gently used or new adult warm clothing to donate to Chief Seattle Club, an organization that specializes in assisting Native Americans.

**\*CANNED FOOD COLLECTION:** As a school we will be contributing to the HRS food pantry. Each student should bring a can a food to contribute to the pantry.

**\*\*One note- there will be many service opportunities throughout the Lenten season. Please pick the activities that work for your family.**

**This week we will be:**

**Reading:** Students will begin the week reading mini-books for "A Tree is Growing", focusing on identifying text and graphic features. Next, we will read "The Journey-Stories of Migration." These are short stories about other animals like the Monarch butterflies, which students will compare and contrast using textual evidence. Students will also illustrate their own butterfly and label it with Spanish words.

**Math:** Students took the 9 facts test and learn their 10 facts today. This week we focus on problem solving time, capacity and Mass word problems.

**Language Arts:** We begin a new unit in language arts this week. Throughout Lent and Easter season, students will be writing and illustrating their own book on The Passion Story. Later on, they will present these booklets to the Kindergarteners and First graders. Students work on their summarization skills. This is a wonderful project that the students are very excited about doing.

**Science:** Students will begin working with magnets this week. Students will review the properties of magnets through two experiments: levitating magnets and magnetic sailing.

**Social Studies:** We learn about global trade and the pros and cons of it.

**Religion:** We will discuss about **Holy Week**, which begins on **Palm Sunday**, March 25. 3rd graders will start working on their **Passion Story** project.

**Spelling:** Homework is due Thursday and the test will be on Friday. This week we focus on the suffixes -er, -ful, and -ly. .

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| singer    | loudly | joyful  | teacher | fighter  | closely |
| powerful  | farmer | quickly | careful | friendly | speaker |
| wonderful | truly  |         |         |          |         |

challenge word: calmly

**This week's star: Fin**

**Next week's star: Bella**

Sincerely,

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