

April 16, 2018

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

Reminders:

Class Pictures: Our class picture will be **Tuesday, April 24th**. A form will come home tonight and is due by Tuesday, April 24th. This will be a perfect uniform day.

Prayer Service: Our class prayer service will be **next Friday, April 27th at 8:30** in the school hall.

States Test: The Southeastern States test will be this Friday, **April 20th**. Students will be tested on the **states and abbreviations**. A study guide came home last week. Another great way to study is by using this online game:
http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/USA_Geography/USA_G0_click_1024.html

Choose the "**Southern States**"- The only two states that are **not** in this section that will be on the test are Virginia and West Virginia.

Apostles Creed:

The Apostles' Creed is one of the prayers that 3rd graders are asked to memorize.

We will recite this prayer daily and students should practice it at home as well. They have a copy of the prayer in their folder. **They need to have this committed to memory by Friday, May 4th and recite it to me for assessment on or anytime before that date.**

Items Needed:

By **Monday, April 23rd** each student needs to bring in an egg carton (one dozen) and 12 normal, plastic eggs. These will be used with our Passion Book project. If you have any extra eggs cartons that we can use, please send them in as well. Thank you!

State in the Box project:

An **information sheet** (*includes the description of the project and information about what they will need to bring from home*) came home last week. There will be items that they need to bring from home. Items will be due **Friday, May 11th**.

iMovie Book Report: Each student will choose a book from this month's reading log on which to prepare an iMovie book report. Information will be sent home today, please look for it in your child's folder. The written part will be due **Thursday, May 3rd**. Students will create the iMovie trailer in class. You can view some trailers from last year here: [youtube.com/user/MrsMeland3B](https://www.youtube.com/user/MrsMeland3B). This is a fun and engaging report!

This week we will be:

Reading: We continue reading *Ramona Quimby*. This week we read chapter 2 and talk about character traits.

Math: Students take the 11s test today and are introduced to the 12 facts. We also continue our study of area. This week we find the area of composite figures.

Social Studies: We research our states for the State in the box project.

Science: Students will come up with two individual designs for their Maglev train system this week. They will then work in groups of four to share ideas and combine them into one design plan.

Religion: Students will memorize the Apostles Creed prayer. They will also continue to work on their Passion Stories. We will also discuss about the Eucharist, our highest form of worship.

Project Lead the Way: PLTW is a curriculum that empowers students to develop and apply in-demand, transportable skills by exploring real-world challenges. In our PLTW module, students are exploring computer science by working to develop a computer game using Scratch Jr. This week students will work on programming characters to move back and forth on the number line to solve math challenges.

Language Arts: We continue to work on our Passion stories.

Spelling: Homework is due Thursday and the test will be on Friday. This week we focus on the suffixes –less and –ness.

painless	sickness	sadness	helpless	thankless	kindness
hopeless	darkness	fearless	thickness	careless	goodness
spotless	softness				

Challenge word: eagerness

Star of the week: Lilly
Next week: Brady

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Erin Meland