

June 11, 2018

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

It's our LAST week! Can you believe it? I certainly can't. The first day of school is still so clear in my mind, it is hard to believe that 9 months have gone by. Well, you know what they say, time flies when you're having fun!!

Pizza Lunch Tuesday:

On Tuesday our room parents will be providing a celebratory end of the year pizza lunch with pizza, chips and dessert for each student.

Students do not need to pack a lunch on Tuesday.

Alki Beach Field Trip Wednesday:

Students can wear free dress on Wednesday for our field trip to Alki beach. Students will be walking around the beach during low tide so they need to wear rain boots, old tennis shoes, or Keens - NO flip-flops.

Just a few reminders for the week:

- **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** are full days.
- **Thursday** is a noon dismissal day. Students can wear jeans for cleaning day.
- **Friday** is our last day of school with dismissal at @10:00 am (directly after Mass). Mass begins at 8:45 am. Please feel free to join us if you can. Students should dress up (Sunday best).

Cleaning day: Thursday is our cleaning day. Please send a grocery bag (**please no plastic bags**) with your student. These bags will be used to put their supplies and other items they need to bring home in. **Paper bags or the thicker reusable bags work the best.** Thanks!

Thank you **parents** for all that you have done for me this year. I greatly appreciate all of your support and thoughtfulness. You work so hard with your children to help them succeed, and it makes all the difference in the world. I have enjoyed working with your children. They are all so full of enthusiasm and kindness.

Isn't it incredible to think about the changes that have taken place in your child this year? Way back in September it was a struggle for most just to copy down homework in the assignment notebook, and now, the children can work so independently! From learning cursive, to multiplication, to

writing reports or reading long chapter books, your child has come a long way and is truly ready for the new challenges fourth grade will bring!

Report cards will be passed out on Friday.

***Please know that in order for your child to receive their report card all fines and payments must be up to date.**

Also included with the report card will be student MAPS scores, the summer math challenge, summer reading challenge and a list of books from the iMovie trailer book reports.

In this newsletter, I've included some ideas and activities you can choose to have your child do this summer to maintain and continue to improve his/her progress. Not only will this practice keep the summer from getting dull (if that's possible), it will help your child begin fourth grade with his/her skills nice and sharp! These activities are optional, but highly encouraged.

First, and always important, is **READING!** You and your child know the importance of daily reading and how it affects all other learning. Continuing this practice throughout the summer is something that every child needs. This week, your child will receive a list of the books that each student read for their oral book reports. These presentations left us hanging, so your child may want to read some of these over the summer to find out the endings!

A librarian from the Seattle Public Library has spoken with our class about their summer reading program. I encourage all students to participate. In fact, get the whole family involved!

Next, students can be **WRITING** every day. I am so excited that so many of the students decided to participate in our pen-pal program! I think it would be so fun and great practice! The students will bring their journals home, so they can continue writing in them, use a new journal, or even make little books. Students can write stories, poems, and letters in cursive. Students will also bring home their cursive workbooks to use for summer practice.

All third graders should be practicing their **MATH** times-tables and basic division facts. It would also be a good idea to review addition and subtraction facts now and then. Ten minutes of practice here and there is all it takes to keep those facts in long-term memory.

Most importantly students, don't forget to **PRAY**. God wants to be a part of your life. Make time to pray and be thankful for all the great people and things that God has made possible for you. When you are sad or upset, God is with you, and wants to comfort you! Always remember you are an image of God.

Sincerely,

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iPads Apps:

Newsomatic: The children have LOVED reading the articles from *Newsomatic* this year. It's a great way to keep up on summer reading and also what is happening in the world. Many students have shared that they enjoy reading articles at home, as well as at school. We are fortunate to have this resource available to them through the summer.

To access:

- 1.) Go to the **website** on a desktop/laptop: www.newsomatic.org OR access through *iPad* using the free app (***Newsomatic.edu***--make sure it is the correct app because there are a few options. The "edu" is the school version)
- 2.) Enter **username** and **password** (students know this and also have this written on the back of their *Newsomatic* checklist)
- 3.) Refer to the ***Newsomatic* checklist** to help you read carefully.
- 4.) Enjoy!!!!


**See the checklist below

Students also have access to ***Vocabulary Spelling City*** (www.spellingcity.com OR download the free "*VocabularySpellingCity* app) over the summer. There are various activities that support spelling skills and vocabulary development that we have been using during the school year. Students typically use the same username/password for this as they do for *Newsomatic*.

Students also have access to **Mathletics**: This is a website we have used reinforce math standards and concepts throughout the year. Students have their login information glued to the inside cover of their assignment notebook.

News-O-Matic Checklist:

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- ✓ Read the entire article
- ✓ Click on any unknown words
- ✓ Check the fact for this story
- ✓ Listen to article or re-read article
- ✓ Highlight 3 important or interesting facts
- ✓ Watch slide show
- ✓ Watch video
- ✓ Click *Go There!* to view map
- ✓ Answer questions about article

