



October 29, 2018

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

Information on my long-term sub:

I wanted to give you all some more information about the long-term sub, as my due date is five weeks away. Her name is Jennie Bender and she is excited to get the chance to work with all of your sweet kids. I know the kids will be in great hands.

Here is a short bio about Jennie:

Jennie Bender is currently attending Western Governors University and will receive her masters in elementary education at the end of November. She is student teaching at Salmon Bay Elementary School in first grade. Jennie worked for six years at St. Alphonsus Parish School in Ballard as the library specialist. During those years, she also taught STEM classes, middle school Lego robotics and middle school religion. This is her second career. Jennie received her Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Religious Studies and Law Degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She obtained her Masters of Law in Taxation from the University of Washington.

Halloween Party:

The party will be Wednesday, October 31 at 1:15 pm. Students may dress in **orange** and black. Please, no costumes or face paint.

Mass on Thursday: All Saints' Day Mass will be on Thursday; there is no mass on Wednesday.

Reading Logs:

Reading Logs for October are due this Thursday. The reflection on the back of the calendar needs to be done as well. There will be no reading log for November because instead students will have a book report.

Book Report:

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, December 5th.

Social Studies Test: Students will be given a test on our geography unit next Thursday November 8th. A study guide will come home with your child tonight.

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 5th**. 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.

Mid-tri Envelopes: Please return these by Friday. Thank you!

CURRICULUM

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

Reading: On Wednesday we will read and perform several short Halloween plays about bats, owls, spiders, and pumpkins! Students will practice reading aloud in front of the class with excellent expression. This week we will read *The Boxcar Children* Chapter 5.

Social Studies: We go over a study guide for our geography quiz and begin our next unit on immigration.

Science: This week students will learn about adaptations and what structural and behavior adaptations look like for plants and animals.

Language Arts: We will finish our Fall poem this week. Students will then begin working on a descriptive writing piece about the best part of them, based off the book *The Best Part of Me*, by Wendy Ewald.

Religion: We will discuss Saints and Angels. 3rd graders will illustrate the Angel of God prayer. They will also research on a saint assigned to them and will take turn sharing it in class.

Second Step: Students will learn that thinking about others' perspectives helps you have empathy for them. Students will learn to identify others' feelings using physical, verbal, and situational clues.

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: Jake

Next Week: Layla

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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