



November 26, 2018

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 four weeks until Christmas break and the third grade will be busy, busy, busy!

REMINDERS

Uganda Donations:

Uganda donations are due by this Friday, November 30.

GeoJourneys Test:

Students will be tested on the Mountain and Southwest Region states this Friday, November 30. They need to know each state's name and postal abbreviation.

Story Wheel Book Report:

The book report is due Wednesday, December 5. I can't wait to see the finished products!

Reading Logs:

The December reading log will come home with your child on Friday.

Christmas Poems:

Students will be sharing their memorized poem with the class on **Tuesday, December 11**. They will be assessed on expression, voice, eye contact, and hand motions. I can't wait to hear the poems!

Nativity Play:

The parts have been chosen and the scripts were handed out today! 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 Advent Nativity play on **Thursday, December 20**. Our performance will be at **10:45 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 20 at 6:30pm in the Church**.

Advent Outreach:

During Advent, 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

Math: This week we will begin Chapter 5: Understanding Division. Students will practice hands-on division and focus on the concept of division as equal sharing. We will also look at division as repeated subtraction.

Reading: We will read chapter 10-11 of *The Boxcar Children* this week.

Science: Students will finish learning about polar bear habitats, food, body, and behaviors. We will then conduct an experiment to learn about polar bear adaptations.

Social Studies: We begin our next unit on culture. We read about culture and what it is. Then students will have a chance to pick a country to learn more about.

Religion: We will discuss the **Seasons of the Liturgical Year**, beginning at **Advent** and ending at **Christ the King Sunday**. Children will learn about the **Advent Wreath**, the symbol used during Advent season.

Second Step: We will continue our empathy unit this week by talking about conflicting feelings. Students will learn how empathy helps us notice when others' feelings are the same or different than our own.

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: none
Next week's star: Alex B.

Sincerely,

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