

November 5, 2018

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful parents that helped with the Halloween party last week! The kids had a blast!

**Veteran's Day:** There will be no school next Monday, in order to honor Veteran's Day.

**Book Report:**

The book report came home last week. By now, students should have picked their book and should be reading it. The report is due on **Wednesday, December 5th.**

**Social Studies Homework:** *Immigration Homework*-In social studies we are studying immigration. Coming home today with your child is a short assignment about his/her family. They will need your help on this assignment because it asks about a family member that has immigrated to the United States. Thanks for your help! **This is due on Tuesday, November 13th.**

**Conferences:** Conference sign-ups begin today. If you know you are unable to conference with me on one of these days or have a schedule conflict with the times available, please be sure to contact me as soon as possible. I'm flexible and my priority is meeting with you and your child. With that said, I will not be doing any make-up conferences after conference week because my due date is fast approaching and I may not be at school.

**Homework for parents:** Parents, please fill out the "**Homework for Parents**" **pre-conference sheet** that went home today. This will help me better prepare to address any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the time to complete this and **return it to school by Friday, November 9th.** Thank you!

**Social Studies Test:** Students will be given a test on our geography unit this Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>. A yellow study guide came home last week.

Here's what's happening this week:

**Math:** We work on problem solving and strategies to use when solving a multi-step word problem.

*Math assessment-the subtraction assessment will be coming home with your child today. Please review this with them. Thank you!*

**Language Arts:** Students work on their descriptive writing piece about the best part of them, based off the book *The Best Part of Me*, by Wendy Ewald.

**Religion:** We will continue our discussion on the Holy Trinity. 3rd graders will identify the Trinity in our Creed.

**Social Studies:** Students learn about immigration. We focus our study this week on the history of Ellis Island.

**Science:** Students will continue learning about adaptations in organisms. We will then begin to look at the life cycle and adaptations of polar bears.

**Reading:** This week we read chapter 6 and 7 of the Boxcar Children. We focus on character traits and cause and effect.

**Spelling:** Spelling homework is due Thursday and the test is on Friday. The pattern is the vowel sound in *town*.

Spelling words:

clown	round	bow	cloud	power	crown
thousand	crowd	sound	count	powder	blouse
frown	pound				

Challenge word: mountain

**Star of the Week:** Layla

**Next week:** Phoebe

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Erin Meland