

March 11, 2019

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful sunshine this weekend! Spring is coming.

**Native American Projects:**

**All projects are due today.** Presentations will be today, tomorrow and Wednesday. A form went home two weeks ago with your child's assigned presentation date. I look forward to seeing the finished projects! **Projects will be out in the halls until March 26th.** Please arrange for pick up of the project either before school or after school on March 26 (Tuesday) or March 27 (Wednesday).

**Special Native American Event:**

**We have a very special event this Thursday the 14th.** The **"Of Cedar and Salmon"** program will be set up in the School Hall all day just for the 3rd and 4th grade students. This multi-media, multi-cultural, hands-on educational program is designed to teach students about the native art and culture of the Pacific Northwest Coast. This program supports and supplements the 3rd and 4th grade studies of Native People and cultures. Parents are welcome to come at any point during the day to check out the displays and program.

**No School on Friday:**

There will be no school on Friday because of an Archdiocese in-service day.

**Class Lenten Outreach:** We will be making cards in class for the women of the Holy Rosary Women's Shelter. For our monetary donation, we will contribute to the parish rice bowls that went home with students.

**School Lenten Outreach - St. Martin de Porres:**

Once again our school will be providing items and lunches for the men of St. Martin de Porres during Lent. We will collect perishable lunches each Friday but will only collect items twice. The schedule is below:

March 29: Lunches + Item

- Last name A-M brings gloves
- Last Name N-Z bring socks

April 5: Lunches only

April 12: Lunches + Item

- Last name A-M brings disposable razors and travel size shaving cream
- Last Name N-Z bring travel size toothbrush and toothpaste

### **Adopt Our Hermit Crabs:**

Students have really enjoyed having and learning about our four hermit crabs in class. It is now time for these hermit crabs to find permanent homes! If you and your child would like to be entered into the raffle to take home one of our hermit crabs, a permission slip will be coming home today for you to sign. Please return the signed permission slip with your child no later than Thursday, March 14th. The raffle will occur on Monday, March 18, and winners will be notified that afternoon. The hermit crabs will be sent to their new homes after school on Thursday, March 21.

## Curriculum

**Reading:** We will continue reading “Mountains: Surviving on Mt. Everest” this week. We will focus on identifying nonfiction text features.

**Math:** Students took the 7s test today. There will be no new fact this week. This is a good week for your child to get caught up on facts that they still have not passed. We will continue studying measurement this week, wrapping up elapsed time and learning how to measure to the nearest half and fourth inch.

**Language Arts:** Students will present their Native American projects to the class this week.

**Religion:** We will discuss **Lent**, a time when we are called to refocus and live more simply while striving to be closer to God, and to live more like Jesus taught us to live our lives. 3rd graders will share ways to pray more, to fast, and to give more during this holy season.

**Science:** We will wrap up our study of hermit crabs and life cycles with a review game this week.

**Social Studies:** We start our next unit on economy. Students learn about supply and demand. We go through different scenarios and students have to decide what will happen to the price of certain items when demand or supply change.

**Spelling:** No Spelling this Week

**Next week's star: Finn**

Sincerely,

Erin Meland