

3B NEWSLETTER

Dear 3B Families,

Reminders

Picture Retakes:

Picture retakes will be on Thursday, October 24. If your child is taking pictures, they can wear free dress on Thursday.

Lunches of Love:

Our second turn in day will be this **Friday, October 25.**

Mid Trimester Reports:

Mid-Trimester reports will be coming home on **Friday**. These reflect the progress that your child is making this year. I just wanted to clarify the grading system. 4, 3, 2, 1 do not equate to A, B, C, or D. Please look at the descriptors. The **4** means **exceeding standards**, so they are going **above and beyond** what is expected. They must add more components than requested.

Students will not be receiving 4's at this point in the year. A "4" means the student is going above and beyond expectations. This early in the year it is not appropriate to give a "4" in most subject areas as we have not had the opportunity to delve deep enough into the content to warrant this exceptional score. Your child may be doing excellent work, and they may receive a 3. A **3** indicates that they are **meeting the standard** for their grade level, and they are doing **quality work**. A report card with mostly 3's is something to be proud of! A **2** means that your child is **working towards the standard**. Your child may be working their hardest, but more growth is needed in order to meet the standard. It also indicates that progress is being shown. On the other hand your child may receive a 2 because they are not trying their hardest. A **1** indicates that your child is **below the standard** and needs more assistance and practice in order to meet the standard.



Touching Safety Curriculum: The Archdiocese is having all teachers teach two Touching Safety lessons this year, one in October and once in March. Our first lesson will be this week, called "Safe Touching Rules". We will discuss safe touches and unwanted touches and what to do about unwanted touches. Here is a link to a program guide more information for parents and guardians:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/educators/TeachingTouchingSafety.pdf>

If you wish for your child to opt-out of this lesson, please complete the form found at this link:

http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Assets/SEP/6301_Optout.pdf

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

This prayer will need to be memorized by **Monday, November 4**. Your child can also recite the prayer to me before this date, if they are ready.

Curriculum

Math: We will continue learning about multiplication. Students will learn how to multiply large numbers and then begin a project building array cities. A math game will come home for homework on Tuesday and will be due on Friday.

Reading: We will read Chapter 5 of *The Boxcar Children* this week. Students will be working on self-evaluating written responses based on restating the question, answering the question being asked, using text evidence, and rereading the answer to make sure the response makes sense.

Students will also bring home a Scholastic News article, "Meet Dad Pilkey" with comprehension questions to **complete by Friday**. We have read this article in class and started the comprehension questions together. Scholastic News will start to come home with child every few weeks to further support comprehension and written response development,

Social Studies: Students will learn the next two regions of states in their GeoJourney workbook.

Science: We will continue learning about life cycles this week. Students will learn about the life cycles of fish, and then review what we have learned about life cycles so far.

Language Arts: Students will begin a free verse leaf poem describing fall. They will incorporate all of the senses to help paint a picture for our minds. Our focus is on adding descriptive adjectives to our writing.

Spelling: The homework is due Thursday and the test will be Friday. Our pattern this week is three consonant clusters.

three	scrap	street	spring	thrill	scream	strange
throw	string	scrape	spray	threw	strong	scratch

Challenge Word: straight

This Week's Star of the Week: Griff

Next Week Star of the Week: Will

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Erin Meland