

November 18, 2019

# 3B NEWSLETTER

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Dear 3B Families,

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families! I have many things to be thankful for. I feel blessed to be a part of a supportive community here at Holy Rosary. I'm grateful for your children and their never-ending jokes, questions, smiles and their thirst for knowledge! Enjoy the holiday!

## Reminders

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### **Conferences:**

Conference time is an opportunity where the student, parents and I can discuss their child's progress, and how we all can work together to help him or her be successful in third grade. I look forward to seeing you and your child at your scheduled conference next week. If something comes up and you need to make a change to your conference time, please contact me via email. **The conference sign up will be closed this Thursday, November 21.**

### **Book Fair:**

The book fair will run November 20-December 3 after school and during conference week in the library.

### **Story Wheel Book Report:**

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

### **Christmas Poems:**

Students will have a choice of a Christmas poem to memorize. Students will be bringing home a list of several Christmas poems tonight, please review these with your child. On Thursday I will ask students to select one of these poems to begin to memorize. I will also send a rubric home for them to follow. Students will work to memorize the poem they choose and be prepared to share it with the class by **Friday, December 13**. Students may choose a long or a short poem. If they choose a long (16 lines or more) poem, they may work with a partner to present it (each child memorizes and recites half). We are going to emphasize expression through voice, body language, and hand motions.

### **You're Invited to Our Nativity Play:**

We will present our 3A living Nativity play on **Wednesday, December 18**. We will let you know the time after Thanksgiving break. All parents, grandparents and siblings under 5 are invited. Sorry, siblings at Holy Rosary will not be able to attend due to limited space. **Please let me know if you child will not be at school on Wednesday, December 18.**

### **Service Field Trip:**

We will be completing a service project for our Advent Outreach on **Tuesday, December 17**. As a school, every class donates money and items to an organization and canned food for the Parish food bank. The third grade will be collecting monetary donations to purchase items at Safeway for the Parish food bank. On December 17, we will go to Safeway as a class to purchase the items.

We are looking for volunteers to walk with us to Safeway and help students price out items and purchase what we need. A field trip form is coming home tomorrow. Please return this by Friday and note if you can volunteer.

We know this can be a busy season with many pulls on families financially. We are not asking for any specific monetary donation, just whatever works for your family. We encourage you to find ways for your children to earn the money to donate.

### **Christmas Program:**

The Christmas program is **Thursday, December 19, at 6:15pm in the Church.**

## Curriculum

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**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 finish Chapter 10 and our Chatterbox project with *The Boxcar Children* this week.

**Science:** This week students will have the opportunity to choose various items to complete their design plan, and then they will observe hermit crab behavior and change their habitat plans accordingly.

**Social Studies:** We continue our study of immigration. Students make a PicCollage about immigration (through Ellis Island).

**Nativity Play:** This week students will begin learning about public speaking and performing with the acronym PVLEGS (Poise, Voice, Life, Eye Contact, Gestures, Speed) . This week we will learn about presenting with **Poise**.

### **Sisterhood Lunch Bunch**

Last week Mrs. Borne met with the 3rd/4th grade girls at lunch to talk about sisterhood. The girls learned that one of the definitions of sisterhood is: "an association, society, community of women linked by a common interest, religion, or trade..". The girls talked about the commonalities that they have being girls in the same grade as part of the Holy Rosary community. To be a good sister does not mean you are best friends, but it means you are friendly and work together for the common good of all involved. The discussion was on healthy advice for friendship.

**Spelling:** The assignment is due Thursday and the test is on Friday.

joy	point	voice	join	oil	coin	noise
spoil	toy	joint	boy	soil	choice	boil

Challenge Word: destroy

**This Week's Star:** Sam

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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