

Third Grade Newsletter

Week of October 16, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

This week we are learning:

Red Folders: Please make sure to check your third grader's red take-home nightly for graded student work and other important papers from the school. Also, be sure you and your third grader take out any papers that can be kept at home. Thank you!

Mid-tri Progress Reports: Mid-tri progress reports will be sent home on this Friday, Oct. 20th with their Fall MAP scores. Please make sure to sign the envelope and return it to school. Thank you!

Lunches of Love: For the month of October, Third Grade families are encouraged to prepare and bring in sack lunches for the needy in our community. Items that make good lunches include nuts/trail mix, fruit cups, protein bars, individually packaged chips/crackers, Vienna sausages, jerky, ritz cheese/crackers (shelf-stable only), and a plastic spoon/fork. WATER is the drink of choice.

Coats: Make sure your child has a warm, hooded, waterproof coat available to wear at school especially for recess.

Come Holy Spirit Prayer: Please make sure your third grader is practicing at home. They will be tested on this prayer on Tuesday, November 14th. They can also recite earlier than this date, if they are ready.

Star of the week: Ava
Star Next week : Ryan

READING NOVEL UNITS:

Boxcar Children: This is such a fun story! We use the 'break-apart' strategy for decoding, making sure to voice each sound and blend continuously. We also work on "swoop-swoop" reading for smoothness & fluency and visualization for comprehension.

Mr. Poppers Penguins: The children are enjoying the humor in this novel. Our target skill is sequencing the main event.

READING LOGS: Students should read 20 minutes a night and be marking the October log. Students should be reading at least ONE **fiction** chapter book this month in order to successfully complete the mini-book report on the back of the log.

LANGUAGE ARTS: We begin writing a descriptive paragraph about fall. This week we go outside and use all of our senses to observe fall.

MATH: We review subtraction with regrouping and subtracting across zero. All of the steps can be tricky, please make sure you are checking your child's homework. Thanks for your help!

SOCIAL STUDIES: We continue our study of geography. This week we learn about the different bodies of water and we learn our first two regions of states in our GeoJourney.

SCIENCE: We conclude our unit on animal life cycles.

RELIGION: We finish our project on St. Francis and learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary. We practice the "Come Holy Spirit" prayer.

Homework:

EVERY NIGHT: READ 20 MIN/FILL IN LOG

Most nights students will have a math sheet.

It will be in the red take-home folder and will be written in the student planner.

Spelling Words:

lay, real, trail, sweet, today, dream, seem, tea, treat, afraid, leave, bait, cheer, speed, **yesterday

Spelling Homework: A spelling homework sheet will come home **Monday night and will be due on Thursday.** There will be a **spelling test on Friday.**