



Dear 3rd Grade Families,

I am so excited to continue to watch your children grow this year in so many ways! On another note, I wanted to clarify some grading expectations, as well as provide a rubric for my grades.

Assessments will be based on the We Believe curriculum, so I have attached study guides for each chapter. Students have not taken a Sadlier assessment yet, but have taken alternative assessments so far. These have included in-class activities on their class saint, Saint Martin de Porres. Each month students will participate in a writing activity surrounding this saint.

Your children were sent home a packet reflecting their assigned saint for their All Saint's Day project. First, your child should write one to two paragraphs about their assigned saint on the front page (listed in a google sheet under the 3rd Grade Religion documents).

After writing one to two paragraphs based on their assigned saint, they will make a poster of the same saint. You are more than welcome to make it a big poster board, but the piece of paper with the border that is included will still receive full credit if the expectations connected to the rubric are met.

Lastly, students are asked to respond to the quote from the 3rd grade class saint, Saint Martin de Porres. What do they think of the quote? Can they connect their life to the quote? How does this quote apply to the community around them? How could they take everyday actions and offer them to God?

**Saint Martin de Porres is the assigned 3rd grade class saint.**

Your child's first and second step for their All Saint's Day Project is based on their assigned saint (listed below in a google sheet and written on the front cover of the packet), with the third step being completed in response to the 3rd grade class saint's quote.

There will be various homework assignments throughout the year. This will have the students write about two to three paragraphs to build up stamina. I have sent out all materials that will be due for the first quarter. I have also uploaded all of the materials that will be due for the second quarter, so you can have more time to prepare for assignments in the future. Due dates, as well as documents will be uploaded to the 3rd Grade Religion Class Corner.

Your children will also perform in a skit for All Saint's Day as part of their project grade. The script will be sent home, but students will practice in school. Additionally, it is only about one line per student and the theme surrounds the life of Saint Martin de Porres.

My email is [mgatti@frcapodannocatholicacademy.org](mailto:mgatti@frcapodannocatholicacademy.org), so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns at any time.

I am looking forward to this continued partnership with you all!

With Regards,

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