

MRS. SCHWAMBORN'S THIRD GRADE NEWS

Week of October 16th 🎃



Dear Families,

Please read down for all the information you need to know about our school's celebration of Halloween!

Thank you for your cooperation! We are looking forward to a safe, fun, & *spooky* day at school!

- The Head Wizard 🧛

Costume Rules 🧛

1. **Avoid violent or bloody images.** It is okay to look "scary," but there is a difference between frightening and gruesome.
2. Eye and face masks are **NOT** acceptable. Makeup should be minimal and applied at home.
***Remember--learning will still be taking place.**
3. Please make sure that your child's costume has **nothing hanging below the wrist or ankle.** Tripping and/or getting materials caught is a major concern.
4. Props (if any) must be manageable, particularly if students ride a bus.
5. **Weapons of any kind are not permitted.**
6. Remember that students scheduled for Physical Education on the 31st will still have class. Costumes for those students, therefore, should be selected with safety and maneuverability in mind.

ALERT: 🚫

**NO PEANUT OR NUT CANDY/COOKIES OR PRODUCTS
OF ANY KIND, PLEASE!**

Color Run

Our annual Color Run was rescheduled due to weather. The event will take place this Friday, October 27th at 1:30. T-shirts were sent home last week. In **order to participate**, each student must submit a minimum of **4 pledges**. Only students who have submitted the required pledges will be able to participate. Please click the the color picture for forms.



Spirit Week

Spirit Week will begin on October 30th.

Monday 10/30- **Pajama Day**. Wear your favorite (school appropriate) pajamas to school today!

Tuesday 10/31- **Halloween Costume**. Wear your **Catholic school appropriate** Halloween costume (no weapons, masks can be worn during Trunk-or-Treat, blow up costumes can only be worn outside during Trunk or Treat)

Wednesday 11/1- **Dress As A Saint Day** We will be attending 12pm Mass and students are invited to dress as their favorite saint. FULL attire must be worn (wearing clothing with symbols and saint colors will not be accepted)

Thursday 11/2-**Super Hero Day** Dress as your favorite SuperHero!

Friday 11/3- **School Spirit Day**. Wear our school colors- Red, White, Blue. We will be honoring our students in Fall Clubs and Fall Sports for a Pep Rally at 2:00 pm.

Cost to dress down: \$20 for the week or \$5 per day. *All proceeds go directly to the student body.*

Please bring Spirit Week money into the homeroom by Monday 10/30.

Classroom Happenings

Another fun and exciting week in third grade! We finished reading our first novel, Charlotte's Web and celebrated by watching the movie. The children really seemed to enjoy reading this book and watching the movie. The story seems to be timeless. This week they will have the opportunity to be Charlotte and create webs of their own. Inside the web they need to place a word that best describes them. They will also need to write a few sentences explaining why they chose this particular word. Our next novel will be



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Rold Dahl. This is the first year I am reading this novel with my class and I am excited to see how they respond to it. I am expecting to start this novel after Halloween. We should finish it in time for the movie release in December. For the rest of October, we will be reading Halloween themed stories and continuing with lesson five in our Journeys anthology, a story about Roberto Clemente. The children will be focusing on cause and effect as well as the importance of sequencing events in a biography. In addition to reading, the class will be working on various writing pieces, also Halloween themed. In Grammar, we will be focusing on plural nouns and the many rules that go with them. Since this is a short week, there is no spelling. You should expect to see grammar pages coming home in place of spelling homework.

By now you all should have seen the letter detailing our multiplication ice cream sundae challenge. Please read over the letter and sign and return the bottom portion as soon as possible. Beginning this Friday, the children will given a speed drill on a particular fact. They will have two minutes to complete it. In order to pass and move to the next one, they must get at least 35 out of 50 correct. Once they pass a test, they earn a part of their sundae. Students can not move on to the next fact until they pass the current one. Do not worry - they can retake each test as many times as they need. I have done this for several years, and I have yet to have someone not earn a sundae. The goal is for them to become fluent in their facts- and have some fun earning a sundae while doing it. This Friday we start easy with the 0's and the 1's. I don't for see any issues with passing this one. The following Friday will be the 2's - and so on.

In science, we have moved on to. much for fun and interesting unit - electric charges and magnetism. The children really love this one and it is easier to understand. In Social Studies we are working through a quick unit on Economics before moving into my favorite unit - Early Communities- which focuses on Native Americans and early explorers.

The first book report/project also when home this week. Your child must select a biography to read. This reading can be counted as reading for their reading log. The report and project are due in class no later than November 20th.

On Halloween, I'd like to provide a special breakfast for the class. I will be getting bagels for them but if any one would like to supply juice, fruit or a special treat, please email me and let me know so I know what to expect. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a fun day.

Thank you to all have so generously donated items to our classroom. Your generosity has blown me away and I am so very grateful. So many items have been purchased from the amazon wish list!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/eRebKWK?ref_=wl_share



Service Project

This year the third graders will be sponsoring a winter clothing drive. We will collecting new, like new, and gently used winter coats, socks, gloves, mittens and socks. The letter will be coming

before the end of the month. Keep and eye out!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 22nd - Saint John Paul II patron saint mass at St. Isidore's

Monday, October 23rd - NO SCHOOL (Faculty PD Day)

Friday, October 27th - Color Run

Monday, October 30th - Spirit Week Begins

Tuesday, October 31st - Halloween Breakfast and Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, November 1st - All Saints Day - Public Mass @12

Thursday, November 9th - Mass

Friday, November 10th - Veteran's Day - No School

Tuesday, November 21st - Prayer service and Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesday, November 22nd - Early Dismissal at 11:00

Thursday, November 23rd - No School Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24th - No School Thanksgiving recess

Saturday, December 2nd - Christmas Auction



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