

Mrs. Schwamborn's Classroom News

Week of February 12th, 2024

What's Going on in Third Grade?

Another busy week has come and gone in third grade. We have been working hard learning our facts. But many of us still need a lot more practice. We need to improve the fluency in which we know these basic facts. We also need to work on putting more details in our writing and slowing down, reading question and directions more carefully.



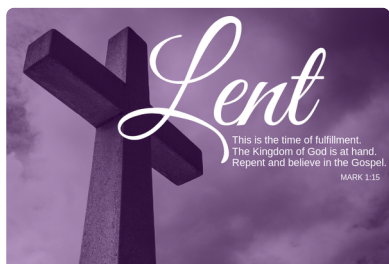
We finished Volume 1 of our math curriculum. We will be moving into the second book and the second half of our curriculum. This week we will be focusing on addition properties, addition patterns, using mental math to solve addition problems and using mental math to solve subtraction problems. After the break we will be finishing Topic 8 with working on rounding numbers and estimating sums and differences. Topic 9 will focus on fluently adding and subtracting within 1,000. We have a few more topics before we begin fractions in Topic 12. It is very important for your child to continue to practice their facts every night. Many of them did not pass the 12's facts which is concerning because they should know most of them already from the other facts. This tells me that they are not practicing as much as they should. There are many fun math games you can use online to help them. Just 5 minutes a night can make all the difference. I can't stress how important this is.

We will be finishing up the first volume of our Journeys reading anthology. This last story is called The Extra Good Sunday. Our spelling words this week focus on the vowel + /r/ sound in nurse. While reading this passage the children will be working on understanding characters and making inferences. We will continue working with verb tenses in grammar.

During Social Studies, we learned about Spanish explorers such as Ponce de Leon. This week we will be learning about some famous French explorers. By now they should have all started their explorer report. Please keep in mind that the outline provided in the packet is just for notes. They will need to write or type a multi paragraph report to be handed in. They had over a month for this assignment and time is going quickly as the due date fast approaches. Please do not wait until the

last minute. In science we are continuing our weather until. We have a few more lessons before wrapping this up

We are in need of tissues. The children have been going through a crazy amount of tissues. If you could send in a box or two it would be really appreciated. I would like to think this will die down but we will be entering allergy season soon and will be facing the same problem..



Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will be attending a Prayer Service and receiving ashes at 12:30. This is a gym day for us. I did check with the principal, and the children may wear their gym uniforms.

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent and the time leading up to Jesus's Passion, it is important that the children learn the importance of prayer and purpose. The third grade is getting ready to receive the sacrament of communion and many of them do not know the proper prayers of the mass or the appropriate gestures done during the mass. We do go over them but unless they are practiced regularly by attending mass, they often forget them. Lent is an excellent opportunity to help your child prepare to receive communion. Be sure to take your child mass each week and help them learn the prayers and parts of the mass. Encourage them to not just attend but actively participate in the service.

To help prepare our hearts, souls and minds during Lent, the third graders will be praying a decade of the Rosary everyday after recess. They will also silently reflect with the help of a Lenten Journal each day. Lent is not just a time to give something up but a time to do more.

Valentine's Day

As per the email sent home, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on **Thursday, February 15th**. Grades 3,4, and 5 will be celebrating together with a special pancake breakfast. Thank you to all who have signed up to donate items. We still need a few parents that can come in and help make pancakes. There are also still some items that we need. If you are able to donate or come in and help, please sign up by clicking the link below. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. In addition, if your child is bringing anything in for friends, we ask that you send them in on the 15th as well. Be sure there is one for each child in the class and all items are **PEANUT free**. We do have **several allergies** in the class and we need to be mindful. The children were given a free **Valentine's Day dress down on the 15th** as well. They may wear red, pink or purple to celebrate. No leggings please.



<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kl3nsn-knTbaTZ5rfvjX1GLalZFiApZ6WznaTiaQA3l/edit?usp=sharing>



Build - a- Bear

This Monday, February 12th is the Build - A - Bear event sponsored by the PSA.

- **Please Arrive by 630 to allow you self enough time to go through all stations.**
- Each bear is \$30. If you purchase more than one bear they are \$25 each
- Each 16-inch bear comes with a heart to place inside your bear a shirt, a birth certificate, and a backpack to bring them home in
- Children will pick from various bears including farm animals and magical creatures to Dinosaurs
- then they will stuff their bear with a helper at the GIANT stuff station
- once their bear is ready they will go over to the shirt creation station and grooming center
- Once done children will receive their backpacks and birth certificates and get to bring their new friends home!
- **Sample Bears** [Click Here](#)

Proceeds of this event go right back to your child which allows the PSA and school to put on these events for the kids!!

SJP Stuff

Clubs have started. Please be sure to update PUP if your child is staying. Extra help is on Mondays 2:30-3:00. Please update PUP if your child is staying for extra help. Remember to return your registration packets as soon as possible. Be sure to label your child's belongings. Sweatshirts have begun to accumulate, it's hard to tell whose is whose if they are not labeled. **Remember music folders and recorders every Friday.**



Is your child sick? Please do not send them into school. We understand a sick child staying home can be a huge inconvenience, but please keep them home if they are sick. We do not want to get our teachers or other students sick. As a reminder, your child must be FEVER free, VOMIT free and DIARRHEA free WITHOUT medication for 24 hours in order to return to school.

Important Dates

Monday, February 12th - Build a Bear Event

Wednesday, February 14th - Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday Public Mass @ 12



Friday, March 1st - Third Grade Mass @ 1

Saturday, March 9th - Communion Retreat @ St. Isidore Church 10
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Friday, March 15th - Parent Prom at Alize

Wednesday, March 27th - Early Dismissal at 11:00

Thursday, March 28th - Holy Thursday **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 1st - No School Easter Break begins.

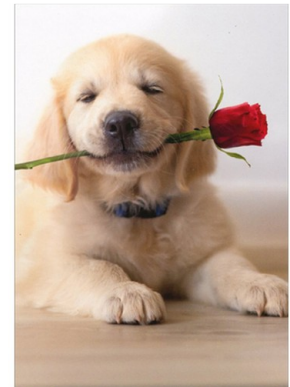
Monday, April 8th - School Resumes



♥ Valentine's Day ♥🌸

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“How do you spell love?” asked Piglet.

‘You don’t spell it, you feel it,’ said Pooh.” —A.A. Milne



Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap

