

THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER
February 2, 2012-February 16, 2012

Dear Parents,

We have been enjoying the beautiful weather during recess! Please address the value of respectable sportsmanship during recess. Third Quarter Mid-term is February 8, 2012. This is the first time your child will receive letter grades. Please look at work sent home in Monday Folders. Discuss with your child what books he/she is reading. The following are the skills and concepts that the third graders will be introduced to, practice, and master during this time period.

RELIGION— Students continue to learn about the five types of prayer in Chapter 10 and study the lives of Saint Blase and Saint Valentine. Next, students will learn about the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the importance of celebrating Mass each week. Please continue to encourage your child to participate during Mass.

READING—Mrs. Dimond and Mrs. Edwards' classes continue to read *Socks* and are using comprehension questions, vocabulary building and skills such as prefixes, plurals, dictionary work, context clues, text to self, and text to world to further their understanding of this delightful book. Mrs. Courville's class is reading another Beverly Cleary book titled *Dear Mr. Henshaw*. Her students are working on the skills for letter writing.

ENGLISH—Third graders are learning the rules of capitalization and punctuation. The students are practicing these rules through short exercises and some letter writing. The students are learning kinds of sentences and the correct punctuation to put at the end of each sentence. Students are reviewing types of verbs, and how to identify the subject and predicate in a sentence.

MATH—Students are mastering rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. Also, the third graders will be required to practice and master addition and subtraction with regrouping for up to 4 digits. Students are reviewing telling time, money, multiplication, and word problems for a mid-year assessment. In addition, the students are to continue memorizing the basic multiplication facts and expect to be tested on a regular basis.

SCIENCE—Students are now being introduced to the three states of matter. This unit has a great deal of new information so when the third grader brings home his/her book on Wednesdays, please take time to sit down and reread the pages with your child.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Anna, Jenny, and Lisa