

THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER

January 19-February 2, 2012

Dear Parents,

We are off and running in the third quarter in the third grade. This marks the first time the students will receive letter grades on their report cards. The following are the skills and concepts that the third graders will be introduced to, practice, and master during this time period.

RELIGION—The students will learn about the five types of prayer in Chapter 10 and study the lives of the following saints: St. Agnes, St. John Bosco, St. Bridget, and St. Blaise. Please continue to encourage your student 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.

MATH—Students are finishing up the skill of measuring area and perimeter and reviewing money skills. Our next unit will introduce, practice, and master rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. In this unit the thirds graders will be required to practice and master addition and subtraction with regrouping for up to 4 digits. In addition, the students are to continue memorizing the basic multiplication facts and expect to be tested on a regular basis. **Nightly practice is highly recommended!!**

SCIENCE—Students are now learning how to measure matter, and the next lesson will introduce 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 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