

Dear 3rd grade parents,

We had another great week of learning in 3rd grade. I am impressed with the learning they have shown in a short period of time. Next week will be filled with writing projects, science experiments and even a reading quiz show.

Classroom News:

Science

Students launched rubber bands this week during our Science Lab. We graphed our findings to learn the more force that is applied to an object the further it will travel. Next week we will put that knowledge to the test as we attempt to design a catapult from popsicle sticks that will launch a mini-marshmallow the furthest. Contest results will be announced next week.

Writing

At least once a week we are late to lunch because I cannot convince the class to stop writing. This week, we began planning our Halloween narratives. They have written some amazing introductions. Ask your child about the story they are planning.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Religion -

- Why is being part of a church community important?
- What are sacred traditions?
- Who is called to serve the Church?
- Who was St. Francis of Assisi?

Reading -

- Asking Questions while reading
- Questions found directly in the text
- Questions found with thinking about the text
- Flip a question
- Hot seat quiz show

Writing -

- Writing narratives
- How do we introduce characters, setting, problem & solution to our stories?
- Creating a strong lead
- Using dialogue

Math -

- Make 10 to add and subtract
- Rounding
- Estimation
- Understanding addition and subtraction equations

Science/Social Studies -

- How does the amount of force effect how far an object will travel?
- Build catapults that demonstrate our knowledge of forces
- Who can build a catapult that launches a mini-marshmallow the farthest?

School News/Upcoming Events:

Run 4 Cathedral -

Thank you to those of you who have collected and turned in your pledges. We would like to have all pledges collected by October 13th. We kindly ask you to send checks only. Thank you for help.

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October 12th - School Mass led by K & 8

October 14th - No School

October 17-21st - Book Fair in the Courtyard

Oct. 28th and 29 - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences