

## Third Grade News April 28th

### **Classroom News**

#### **Mother's Day Tea**

A fun tradition in 3rd grade is our annual mother's day tea. You should have received your personalized invitation to the tea. If not, please ask your child for your copy. We would like to invite all mothers to visit the classroom on the morning of May 12th beginning at 8:45. Each child has prepared a short presentation for you. If you are not able to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

#### **Willamette Jet Boat Tour**

There is still space to join us on the Jet Boats if you're interested. Please sign up on Volgistics if you're interested.

#### **Bridges**

Starting next week, we begin our final science unit focusing on the bridges of Portland and engineering. We will learn about different styles of bridges. Throughout the unit we will build and test models of each style of bridge out of a variety of materials. Thank you to those of you who have sent in small cardboard boxes, toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls to help us with our project. Our final culminating project for the unit will be to build a bridge out of popsicle sticks modeled after a bridge in Portland. We will be building them the week of June 5th. Please let me know if are interested in volunteering to help. I will send home more details as we get closer to the project.

#### **Providence**

We have 2 visits to Providence remaining for the year. Our last visit as a class will be on May 9th. I am still in need of drivers for that visit. Please consider volunteering if you are available from 9:30-11:30 that day. In addition, the Providence End of the Year Party will be on May 25th from 9:30-11:30. This event brings all participating schools from the Archdiocese together to celebrate the end of our time with our Providence Friends. It is a wonderful event to celebrate our service toward others. Thank you in advance for helping to make this opportunity possible.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

##### **Prayer**

- What is prayer?
- Review Lord's Prayer
- Identify ways to pray
- Identify the 5 basic forms of prayer

#### **Reading**

##### **Summarizing**

- Read, think and react
- Paraphrase and respond to information from the text
- Thinking about, within and beyond the text

## **Writing**

### Persuasive Writing

- Identify Reasons
- Identify Explanations

## **Math**

### Geometry

- Angles
- Polygons
- Triangles
- Quadrilaterals

## **Science/Social Studies**

### My Oregon Road Trip

- Finish digital journals

### Bridges

- Tension & Compression
- Bridge types
- Identify the bridges of Portland and their styles
- Building a beam bridge
- Modify beam bridges to make them stronger

## **School News**

### **Speech Festival**

Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD).

Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade, will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom. Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented

to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

### **Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner**

Thursday, May 4th is our annual Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner. All the art the students have created this year will be on display in the gym. At the same time a delicious spaghetti dinner will be served in the cafeteria. The price for dinner is \$5 per person. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:30, and the art will be on display from 5:00-8:00.

## **Upcoming Events**

5/3 - May Crowning at 8:30

5/4 - Spaghetti diner and art show

5/9 - Last Providence visit

