



3rd Grade Newsletter

March 2010



Religion

Virtue: Fortitude

Proverb: When the going gets tough the tough get going.

Saint: St. Patrick

Scripture: "God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16)

I am pleased to introduce myself as your child's new religion teacher. I am a Lector, Catechist and Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Pope John XXIII. It gives me great pleasure to assist Dr. Noonan as she was kind enough to allow my beloved parish to begin in her gym eight years ago. I completed my undergraduate studies at Saint. Thomas Aquinas College and minored in secondary education. While living in New York I had my 7-12th certification to teach history. I also earned my graduate degree from Fordham University in Social Work. I look forward teaching my faith and to getting to know your children.

God Bless,

Mrs. Millan

Character Education

We often complain that something is not fair, but what does that really mean and how can we work to make things fairer for everyone around us? We will look at ways we can do things to make games and sports fair for everyone. We will also be looking at the proper ways to respond when others treat us unfairly.

Mrs. Henderson

Mathematics

We have finished our multiplication chapter, but that does not mean we are done with multiplying. Our multiplication tables are extremely important to know for division. Please work with your child either by quizzing them or working with flash cards to help them memorize these basic skills. Students can use their notes on their Big 20s, but cannot during other times in class. I do not want them to rely on their multiplication tables in their notes and not grasp these important skills. Please make sure you are reviewing Big 20 problems with your child every night. If your student would review difficult problems for just 5-10 minutes each night, they will soon see an improvement in their scores.

Mrs. Henderson

Science

The students have finished up learning about the weather, and we've been working on several projects together. They've already created a diagram of the different types of clouds, and another that shows the water cycle. There are several more experiments and projects to do before we're done with this chapter, though! Next week we'll start learning about the Earth's orbit around our star, and where we fit in to the big picture. We'll also learn about the planets and other bodies in space. Look for projects depicting the moon's cycle, Earth's orbit, and much more!

Miss Troxler

Social Studies

We will soon be wrapping up our unit on community changes. We will be discussing how much easier travel was with the invention of the railroad and how other inventions have changed our lives. We will then be looking deeper at the customs and cultures that make up our country and how America is so unique because of this.

Mrs. Henderson

English

The students have finished publishing their last three-paragraph expository essays, and they're on the wall in the classroom for you to see. They've also already started writing their first persuasive essay this week. Next week we'll start the next chapter where they'll be introduced to interjections and possessive nouns. We'll also do a review of homonyms and contractions. Please encourage your child to recite the jingles daily.

Miss Troxler

Vocabulary/Spelling

I have changed the format with our Spelling tests and the students seemed like they appreciated the change. It is important to be able to write out words correctly, but also to recognize when words are misspelled. Please remember, if your student earned a 100% on their last spelling test, they will only have to write out the words 3 times. If they score lower, they will have to write them out 5 times. In vocabulary, students can earn extra credit by coloring in their vocabulary pictures. Please let me know if you have any questions about either subject.

Mrs. Henderson

Reading

We will soon be wrapping up our current Reading unit on money. In the past few weeks we have been discussing ways humor can be used in fiction while reading a tall tale. We have also been talking about the value of items and what items we have that we cannot put a price on. We have one more story in our current book and then we will begin our next unit which focuses on country life.

Mrs. Henderson

Handwriting

In class, we will continue to work on proper letter formation with a focus on our cursive letters. All of our classwork and homework should be in cursive. At home, please continue to encourage your child to write as neatly as they can on all assignments, in order to practice and demonstrate their cursive writing skills.

Mrs. Henderson

Spanish

We are almost finished with this unit called *La Escuela* (School). It has been a good review for all of us. Our fourth unit of study will be *Pueblos, Ciudades, y Estados* (Towns, Cities, and States). This unit will provide an opportunity to go over some of the things that we've already covered and add to our knowledge of language and vocabulary.

Mrs. Piper

Physical Education

We begin the dance unit for the month of March. Students will focus especially on coordination, rhythmic accuracy and the ability to repeat a group of motions in a sequence.

Mrs. Schroeder

Music

Everyone is getting revved up for the Spring Musical! We'll be practicing lines, dancing and singing in class this month. All students should be practicing their lines with parents at home.

Mrs. Schroeder

Art

Students are working on graphic design projects this month. We'll pay close attention to shape, line, balance, and organization

Mrs. Schroeder

Student of the Month

Dayna

Reminders

- ** Snack and Shop the Bookfair from 3:30-6:30pm on Tuesday, March 9.
- ** Open House from 6:00-7:30pm on Tuesday, March 9.
- ** Casual dress on Wednesday, March 10 for casual pictures.
- ** Book reports due Friday, March 19.