

Noonan Academy Fourth Grade Newsletter March, 2010

Saints: St. Patrick

Virtues: Fortitude

Proverbs: When the going gets tough, the tough get going!

Vocabulary:

Plethora- *overabundance, many*

Vacillate- *to waver back and forth; to be indecisive*

Scripture Quotes:


God is charity; and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him
1 John 4:16



Behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.
John 1:29

Character Education: We often complain that something is not fair, but what does that really mean and how can we work to make things more fair 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

Religion: 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.

Mrs. Millan LMSW



Reading: The transition has gone smoothly! I will be adding a Comprehension skills worksheet that the students will do weekly. It will be counted as a quiz grade. Testing will continue as before unless I feel that it is in the best interest of the students to delay a day or two. Their book reports are due on March 10th! The next book report will be either a biography or a travel book. The students will dress up as a famous person or "pack" their bags and take the class on a trip to a new country. These will be oral reports. Please contact me with any concerns that you may have.

Mrs. Ehler 




Science: Now that we've finished learning about the weather and our atmosphere, we're expanding our horizons to learn about Earth as a whole, and how it fits into our solar system. We'll also learn what causes day and night, the seasons, and how the moon affects the tides. We'll study the moon's phases, how to tell the difference between a lunar and solar eclipse, and then we'll learn about the planets in our solar system as well as other bodies of rock and gas that exist in space! Look for diagrams, models and explorations in this chapter to illustrate what we're studying.


















































Miss Troxler

Social Studies: Beginning with our new chapter, Chapter 4, I will be introducing lesson quizzes as we go through each chapter. I think this will keep the information fresh and help when we take our chapter tests. Lesson quizzes will consist of matching word and definitions with vocabulary and important people and also a few short answer questions pertaining to the lesson. Our current chapter deals with the struggle for power in Florida and the American Revolution. After that we will look at Florida as it grew from a territory to a state.

Mrs. Henderson

Math: Before we begin work with adding and subtracting fractions in Chapter 9 we have decided to take a detour with the game *Shopping Street*. Look for a small packet of information and questions related to this game and how we are going utilize it in the math classroom. Our trial runs really had our brains





working. No bonus question this month, however, if you can tell me a) What is the best thing you have learned this year in math class? and b) What other concept(s) would you like to learn? you can earn two homework passes just for emailing me those answers at shenderson@noonanacademy.com.

Mr. Henderson

English: We are currently working on writing a three-paragraph persuasive essay, which will be finished by early next week. We'll then start learning how to classify the second sentence pattern, which introduces direct objects and transitive verbs. We'll also learn about simple verb tenses, regular vs. irregular verbs, and helping verb tenses.

Miss Troxler

Creative Writing: The students are doing a lovely job of memorizing "The Spider and the Fly" as we recite it on a near-daily basis. They are currently half-way through memorizing it, which keeps on our time frame of having it ready to recite for the Curriculum Fair on April 30th. Feel free to ask your child to recite what they know of this poem for you! They are also making another mini-book which will also be placed in their folders for the Curriculum Fair.

Miss Troxler

Vocabulary & Spelling: I have changed the format with our Spelling tests and the students have 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.

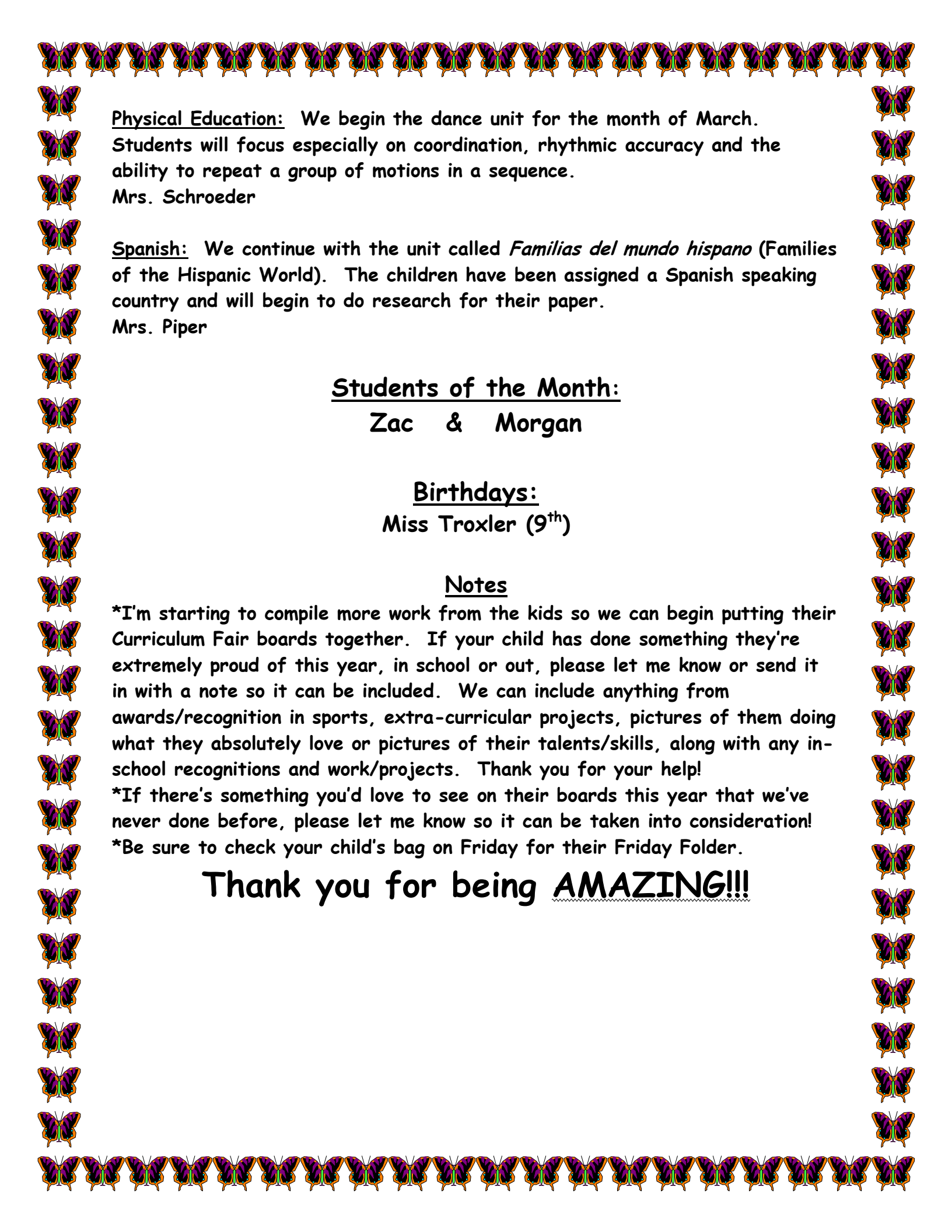
Mrs. Henderson

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

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



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

Spanish: We continue with the unit called *Familias del mundo hispano* (Families of the Hispanic World). The children have been assigned a Spanish speaking country and will begin to do research for their paper.

Mrs. Piper

Students of the Month:

Zac & Morgan

Birthdays:

Miss Troxler (9th)

Notes

*I'm starting to compile more work from the kids so we can begin putting their Curriculum Fair boards together. If your child has done something they're extremely proud of this year, in school or out, please let me know or send it in with a note so it can be included. We can include anything from awards/recognition in sports, extra-curricular projects, pictures of them doing what they absolutely love or pictures of their talents/skills, along with any in-school recognitions and work/projects. Thank you for your help!

*If there's something you'd love to see on their boards this year that we've never done before, please let me know so it can be taken into consideration!

*Be sure to check your child's bag on Friday for their Friday Folder.

Thank you for being AMAZING!!!