



Dear Parents,

November 17, 2011

As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, we are reminded of the wonderful things we are thankful for. Please take time to share with your child and family members the many reasons you are thankful for them and how He has blessed your families.

Upcoming Dates/Reminders

Nov. 18th Final day to turn in food shelf donations.
Nov. 23rd-25th No School- Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 1st No AM Bus- Parents Drive
Dec. 2nd End of Trimester 1
Dec. 13th Advent Program 6:30- St. Michael's Church
Dec. 16th Reports Cards sent home

UNIFORMS: Please make sure that your child is wearing the proper (clean) uniform to school each day. Belts should always be worn with pants. No golf socks please! Thank you for your help with this☺.

HOLIDAY BOOK ORDERS: We will be sending home the holiday book orders on Monday, Nov. 28th. These make great stocking stuffers. If these will be gifts for your child, please indicate that with your returned order form. We will then notify you when your books have arrived.

A Peek At Our Classes

MATH (RUSTIN & LEHMAN): Chapter 2 Tests have been given back to the students. Please sign and return the tests, if you haven't already. Chapter 3 covers multiplication and division concepts. To be successful in math, it is extremely important for students to know their basic facts: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If your child is not fluent in their basic facts, please take time to work with them daily. Both classes are reviewing the multiplication facts. **Please, do not have your child complete the Diagnostic Checkpoints found in the text at home. We use this as an in-class assessment to note what the children have retained up to that point in the chapter. This is recorded as a quiz grade. Students may, however, use the review located on the page prior to the Diagnostic Checkpoint and any individual lesson from the text as review for the checkpoints and chapter test. Thank you for helping to make this a fair assessment for all of our math students.**

MATH (THOMAS): We have finished our chapter on Data, Graphs, and Probability. Tentatively, the test is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd. We will begin Chapter 6 Geometry following the Thanksgiving break.

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RELIGION: We continue our study of the Rosary and its Mysteries. We discuss, meditate and draw pictures illustrating each one. We've completed the Joyful Mysteries. The Sorrowful Mysteries will be next. With the beginning of Advent, not only will we prepare for our Lord's birth, but we will also prepare for the new Roman Missal, practicing the new language during our prayers throughout the day.

READING: Students have been sharing their diorama projects in class this week. We are very impressed by the level of creativity with this project. It is evident that much time was spent preparing for the presentations. Next week we will continue in our reading text with, "Leah's Pony", a story of a Depression-era girl whose favorite possession is a pony and her sacrifices to help her family keep their farm. Vocabulary, Story Comprehension, Cause and Effect, Sequence of Events, and Context Clues will be the focus of skills in this reading selection.

LANGUAGE: Students are working on a Dream Vacation Narrative in class. We began with writing a "good" lead. A lead is what draws the reader into your story. A good lead hooks readers from the beginning and makes them excited to continue reading. Ask your child which of the 6 leads they chose for their story. Currently we are developing the main body paragraph of our stories with story events and details. We continue our work with nouns in our grammar text.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Look for the Chapter 2 Test on Regions to come home early next week for your signature. In Chapter 3 we start our study of the eastern region of the United States. Students will be expected to know the names and locations of the eastern states. We will challenge your children to know their capitals as well. Study maps will be given to students to keep in their portfolios.

SCIENCE: Please sign and return the Weather test as soon as possible. Our next chapter in Science focuses on the Earth's oceans. Students will learn about the role oceans play in the water cycle, motions of the ocean, and ocean floor features. Chapter flashcards and graphic organizers for notes are provided to each child at the beginning of every chapter. These are great to help reinforce concepts taught in class as well as a great review of vocabulary. *Did you know that even though the moon is much smaller than the sun, the pull of the moon's gravity on Earth is the main cause of ocean tides?*

SPANISH: Please see letter attached to this newsletter.

Blessings,

Mrs. Rustin & Mrs. Lehman