

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

week of: October 2nd - 6th

IB Attribute: Caring + Balanced

Religion: We are beginning our second chapter in religion. It looks at how the community of God works to help others.

Star Student

Week of 10/2	Will P.
Week of 10/9	Siena
Week of 10/16	Henry
Week of 10/23	Dominic

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: Our focus in Grammar this week is on common/proper nouns. A central focus in writing instruction in 3rd grade is writing a good paragraph. We are beginning to learn about Narrative Writing and will be writing personal narratives in the coming weeks to integrate with our IB unit of study.

Cursive: We will be learning cursive letters e, b, f this week.

Reading: We are finishing up "Molly's Pilgrim" this week and answering comprehension questions to show understanding. The children are being asked to use words from the question to begin their answers. To help with this, we will be doing the first few together.

Spelling: The spelling is differentiated using "Words Their Way" so I will not be putting the spelling lists in the Classroom News. The children's spelling will be placed in the plastic sleeve in the binder each week. Each list also has the children choose 5 High Frequency Words to study. These words were chosen by the individual students. The children have a variety of ways to study for the homework attached to the spelling list.

Upcoming Events

MAPS Testing Make ups this week.

Blessing of the Pets: Oct. 4 before school 8:30 in the parking lot.

One Church begins Wednesday October 4th

No School: Friday Oct. 13th, TED day for teachers

Sock-Hop: Friday, Oct 13th 6-9 fun adult event. Purchase tickets from the office if you haven't already.

Feast of St. Luke: Wednesday Oct. 18th @ 9:30

Great Washington Shake out: OCT. 19- EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Friday Mass: Friday, Oct. 20th 3rd/4th grade @8:30. Please be on time.

IB Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea: Cultures contribute to the development of communities

Last week, students began researching information about their chosen country. We focused our research using books as their primary source. This week we will be learning how to research safely on the internet using www.kidrex.org as the search engine. We will spend the week using the iPads and Chromebooks to conduct research.

After we finish our research, we will be taking this gathered information to complete a travel log about an imaginary visit they will take to the country. All of the work we are doing will be shared at our Third/Fourth Grade Heritage Day. The children will be creating a tri-fold display about their country using everything they have created plus any extras that they want to include. More information about the date will come later.

We are in the process of arranging two field trips to go with this study. One to the Wing Luke Museum and the other to the Nordic Museum. Both field trips will be mid to late Oct. We will need drivers!!!!

