

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Smith's
3rd Grade

ST. LUKE-A-THON MONEY IS DUE BY OCTOBER 27TH

week of: October 23rd - 27th

IB Attribute: Caring +
Balanced

Religion: We are working on Chapter 3:
At Home with God.

Star Student

Week of 10/23 Dominic
Week of 10/30 Linus

3rd Grade ELA

Language Arts: We spent the last week reading real accounts of immigrants who came to America. We took notes and will be using the information we gathered in order to write a letter home from the point of view of an immigrant.

Cursive: Students will learn c and a this week.

Reading: This week the children will finish up reading nonfiction books about immigration and Ellis Island and taking notes to use with their writing project. We will also be working on the comprehension skill (making connections) and continue with fluency practice. Next week, we will begin the fiction book "The Case of the Gasping for Garbage".

Spelling: The children should continue completing spelling job for homework as a way to prepare for the spelling tests on Friday. If you don't receive a spelling packet (list) home on Monday or would like a copy of the list to keep at home please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday Oct. 26th - Parents club meeting 6:30 pm
- Friday Oct. 27th - Last day to turn in St. Luke-a-thon pledge money to be eligible for prizes. We have a school competition for each class based on participation. Help us win, we are so close.
- Friday Oct. 27th - Last Friday of the month Free Dress Day.
- Thursday Nov. 9 - Veterans Day Assembly @9:30
- Friday Nov. 10th - No school Veterans Day Holiday
- Monday Nov. 13th - Warm Clothing and Food Drive Begins
- Monday Nov. 13th - Heritage Day 1:00 pm in the classroom and it will continue at the Open House later that afternoon from 4-6

Dear Parents,

PowerSchool is continually being updated. Please make sure you are checking it every week or couple of weeks. I tend to put comments on assignments if students do not do well. We are working very hard in 3rd grade to be principled students who are responsible for our own work and materials. This is a challenge for some students. I am working to give them the skills they need to be problem solvers and to persevere with challenging work. They must pay attention and read directions, and use their class time to complete work. I always give students a 2nd chance to finish incomplete work and turn it back in with the goal that they learn to use their time and turn in completed assignments the first time. Some of this work can be done at home but there is some that needs to be completed at school so they may have to use their time to get it done. The goal is to help them to become principled learners who take responsibility for their own learning. Thank you for partnering with me on this. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please make sure to complete the survey in the progress report envelope and return it along with the signed envelope. Information about conferences will be coming home soon. Please look for it.

Thanks so much for your continued support,

Susan Smith

IB Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea: Cultures contribute to the development of communities

We have been busy working on our heritage projects. Last week we went over the scoring rubric and got to work using the computers to find maps and flags. We will continue to work this week to complete all of the sections of their projects. Students have created a google document that they are using to compile their pictures and captions. They have access to this at home if they would like to continue to work on it. Students will have a copy of the scoring rubric in their binders for you to see. I will also be putting all of the information on my webpage along with pictures of a sample tri fold. Heritage day is set from 1 - 2 on Monday Nov. 13th and will continue during our Open House from 4-6 that same day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

