

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the month of September is over and we have been in school for 4 weeks already. We are starting to get in a groove with our schedules and homework. We have been talking about responsibility in our classes a lot. Students have more responsibilities to complete work in class, finish assignments at home if they do not finish in class, and complete their homework each night. (Remember they are welcome to complete the entire spelling job packet but only one activity a night is required with Monday being Trace, Copy, Write) We really put this responsibility on the students. It is very helpful to establish routines at home for homework just like we do in the classroom.

The Food Drive begins on Monday and there is great need this year. The food locker is empty so we have moved up our fall food drive to help our community. 3rd grade families are asked to send in jam, jelly, or honey (small or medium jars), cereal (especially Raisin Bran, Cheerios, etc, and oatmeal in single-serve flavors). If you have other donations, please send those in as well. Attached to this email is food drive flyer.

We have a very exciting month ahead in October. First, if your family purchased "Free Dress Mondays" at the auction last spring, then you have free dress on Mondays for the entire month of October. If you are new or did not purchase this, don't fret, there is still time. The cost is \$45 and checks can be made out to St. Luke Auction. Just turn it in on Monday and come in free dress. October is also Safety Month, so we will be learning about fire safety and earthquake safety at school with assignments coming home to work on safety in our homes as well.

Our church will reopen on Tuesday, October 18th with a special Mass and consecration with the Archbishop. This is also the day of our annual **St. Luke-a-thon**. We will let you know soon what our theme will be for dressing that day but know that we are suppose to use the school theme (Growing in Faith Together) or St. Luke. This is a great opportunity to volunteer and always a lot of fun.

Grammar instruction begins next week along with a weekly grammar packet for practice at home. Students are introduced to the new grammar concept on Monday. Then each night they complete a short grammar worksheet. On Fridays, they will turn the packet in and we will have a test. Each of these concepts and skills will build on one another, so it's important to practice. The first few weeks may seem like a review for many, but they will get harder as we go on.

Don't forget to send pictures of your child with their meteorologist tool and doing service. We are printing these and putting them up in our classroom.

We are beginning to put grades in Powerschool but many of our assessments at this time are formative grades because the children are still in the learning process.

Enjoy the nice weekend,
Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith

