Dear Parents.

We've come to the last week of school! It's hard to believe that we are finishing up third grade with your children. This next week is a busy one. In order to have room to bring home everything that your child has at school, please send them with empty backpacks (except for their lunches of course. Learning will still be happening as we finish up our math, 2nd Step, create Father's Day gifts/cards, art project, finish cursive (sending home what we haven't gotten to), and wrap up ELA.

Monday is the third-grade picnic. Our room parents have done a fabulous job of organizing this event and we are looking forward to a fun time! The children have **free dress** for this event (as always in school-appropriate attire). Parent chaperones/drivers please arrive at school by 9:50. We will be at Hickman Park from around 10 - 2.

Tuesday is a fairly normal day. Children come in **uniform**. Today we will begin to explore the summer Google classroom, *Fun for Future Fourth Graders*. The homework for today is for the children to **show you** the summer Google Classroom. Today we will begin our inquiry into a chicken's life cycle by reading books on Epic. It's important for the children to gather as much information as possible so they are ready for the next phase of their inquiry.

Wednesday again is fairly normal. Children wear their **dress uniform** for mass in the morning where we will say goodbye to teachers who are leaving. Today the children will watch the stop animation movie "Chicken Run" and use their knowledge about chickens to formulate an escape plan for the chickens in the movie. We will also continue our exploration of the summer Google classroom, *Fun for Future Fourth Graders*.

Thursday is a **half day** (out at noon). It is also Field Day and the Moving Up assembly! The children need to wear **free dress** (**GREEN** is the third-grade color for the games) and bring a water bottle. Please make sure to send a snack.

Friday we have our last school mass at 9:30 (all are welcome) and we dismiss after at **10:30**. This is our last day of the school year and the day that report cards are passed out. It's our final goodbye for the summer.

When you get the report cards home be sure to take out and read the end-of-the-year letter. There are only two requirements for the children this summer. One is to complete their ALEKS pathway and the other is to read books and take AR tests on those books. Enclosed with the report card you will find a math standards report with highlighted sections that your child should practice over the summer and a list of books including books from Mrs. Fuecht. As fourth graders, they are required to read two of the books from Mrs. Fuecht's list by April and we highly recommend that they start on that list during the summer!

Enjoy your weekend, Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith