

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that September is over, and we have been in school for four 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 put this responsibility on the students. Establishing homework routines at home is very helpful, just like in the classroom.

The children have until the end of the trimester to complete as many squares as possible on their Book Bingo card. Remember they must take an AR test (unless one is unavailable, then I have book projects they can complete) before filling in the square. They should continue working on it until the end of the trimester.

Toddle is a new platform for us! We are slowly adding things to the children's portfolios and to the class stream. As we tell the children, mistakes are good when you learn from them, and we have had to adjust how we input information on the grade book and class stream. Thank you for giving us the grace to make those mistakes and changes as we navigate through the platform.

For the last week, we have focused on how we can use our voice. Students read stories that gave real-life examples of people who used their voices. To complement that and help us understand the importance of civic participation, we had a visit from Keith Skully, the mayor of Shoreline. He spoke to our students about his job as mayor and the important rights and responsibilities of voting. He answered all of their questions, and with his answers came more questions from your children. He encouraged them to use their voice and become involved so they can have a voice in what happens in their communities, even as children. They may not be old enough to vote or hold office, but their voice can be heard.

Beginning new IB unit under the transdisciplinary theme Sharing the Plant. Our central idea for this unit is *In the circle of life, organisms adapt to survive*. We are beginning this new unit with our first field trip of the year to Swan Trail Farms to learn about the life cycle of apples. The field trip is on Thursday, Oct. 5th. We sent out a call for drivers and had so many volunteers! So impressive! *Third Grade Parents Rock!* Unfortunately, we can only use so many drivers at one time, but if you'd like to meet us there or ride in another parent's car, we'd love to have you. You will just need to pay for your spot separately. **Drivers arrive at 9:00** on Thursday, and we hope to eat lunch at the farm (hopefully no rain) and return by 1:00. Please remember to have your child dress for the weather and bring a sack lunch and drink.

You may have heard that changes are happening throughout the Archdiocese. The parish is offering different listening sessions that you are welcome to attend and learn more about what "Partners in the Gospel" is all about. You can find more information on the [St. Luke Parish Website](#) about the date and time of these sessions.

**Upcoming Events:**

Oct 13 ~ No School for students/teacher in-service

Oct. 17 - St. Luke a Thon (hopefully, you are busy getting sponsors for your child)

Oct. 18 - All-school Mass- Feast of St. Luke (9:30)

Oct. 31 - Halloween Parent's Club sponsored "Trunk or Treat."

We will be talking to our room parents about a Halloween party for the kids

Halloween

Have a wonderful weekend!

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