

Dear Parents,

Next week is Halloween! Our room parents have our party planned, and we are trying to incorporate the Halloween theme throughout the day. We have been inquiring about "Day of the Dead" in reading and art classes and will watch "The Book of Life," rated PG on Halloween. Remember, the children can wear their costumes to school, but please, no weapons, face paint, or hair color.

Next week, the children will not have a spelling or grammar packet. We hope they (and you) will use that time to enjoy Halloween.

We took our first math test today. We start a new unit next week (after Halloween and All Saints Day). We are moving into our units on multiplication and division. Now is the time to memorize all the addition and subtraction facts because we will add multiplication and division facts in the coming months. We will be assigning many of the students to a program called eSpark, which has some targeted activities that focus on helping the children memorize their addition basic facts. We will have each child begin the learning platform by taking a placement test. For those assigned to eSpark activities, we will ask you to help them replace their nightly ALEKS with the eSpark activity. Their student planners will reflect this change.

Next week, we solve the mystery, 'Why do plants grow fruit?' The class will see how fruit is a tasty container for seeds and how all fruits are simply one part of a flower (the ovary).

You can help support this week's learning by involving your child when cutting vegetables or fruits. Ask them, "What should I look for to know if my cutting was once part of the flower?" (Answer: Look for seeds!)

The annual Bingo Bash is on the horizon! This year, it will take place on November 4th, starting at 6:00 PM. This is a 21+ event that contributes to fundraising for the garden. Bingo Bash is a long-time tradition at St. Luke that is always a good time for all those who attend. There will be prizes for bingo winners, amazing prize baskets being raffled off, karaoke, beer, wine, competition, and LOTS of laughter!

**Volunteers are needed.** They offer two sign-ups, one for set-up for those who would like to get volunteer hours but also may want to play bingo at night (students can also join parents for volunteer hours) and one for those who would like to volunteer the night of the event (adults only). It's a great way to get those volunteer hours.

### **Upcoming Events**

10/28 - Chili Cook-off and Bake Sale (6:00 pm)

10/31 - Happy Halloween - Trunk-or-Treat!

11/1 - All Saints Day - All School Mass (9:30 am)

11/2 Picture Retake and class picture day (Sheehan 11:00 Smith 11:15)

11/4 - Bingo Bash (6:00 pm)

11/9 - Veterans' Day Assembly

11/10 - No School - Veterans Day

11/13-27 - Book Fair in the auditorium

11/20-22 - Student-led Conferences (In-person: Parents and Students)

11/23-24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Enjoy the last weekend of October,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan