

September 9, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians of Room 107,

Well, we made it through the first week! It was only four days long, but nonetheless, we made it. This is known as the "parent letter". It will be sent home every week in the Friday Folder and will also be attached to your child's weekly progress report. It can also be found by logging on to the St. Rose website and finding it under the third grade section. This letter will provide information on topics we are learning, noteworthy tidbits about the year, and important due dates and tests. Hopefully you will find it a useful tool in helping to make your child's third grade experience a success.

PROGRESS REPORT- As mentioned above, this update is usually attached to a weekly progress report. Since there is a lot of information this week I have decided to instead attach the progress report. If I have marked a particular area with a plus then your child has excelled in that area for the week. If a check mark is marked then that is an area of improvement which needs to be addressed such as unacceptable behavior or late assignments. *It is the responsibility of your child to know whether or not the late assignment has been turned in.* Likewise, if a particular area has an absence of a mark then your child is doing just fine and there are no concerns. The progress reports are to be signed and returned to school in the Friday Folder on the next school day.

HOMEWORK- The homework load is a bit heavier in third grade. There will be at least 30 minutes at the end of each day designated for working on homework. I encourage the students to use this time wisely and keep up with their planner.

SPELLING- Every Monday we will take a pretest for that week's spelling list. The students whom receive 100% in the pretest will get a challenge list to take on Friday. Students whom receive 100% on all of their pretests and 100% on all of the challenge lists will not have to take the review test at the end of every six weeks. Please note, if your child receives two or more wrong on the challenge list, they will not be allowed to qualify for it the following week. Copies of this year's regular spelling words can be found in the Friday Folder. This list may stay at home and be used to study.

MASS- There is an all school mass next Wednesday morning. We are sticking with the 8:00 morning mass schedule. Mrs. Greenstein's fourth graders are planning this celebration.

SNACK- Each day we will take a 10-15 minute break. At this time the students may have a small, healthy snack brought from home. Each child is responsible for remembering their snack and to make sure it meets the healthy guidelines. **Please also make sure the snack is nut free.**

EXPECTATION SHEET- Inside the Friday folder you will find a letter from me. This is a list of expectations that I have for the third graders. Please review it, sign, and send it back on Monday.

NOTES- Whenever your child is going home with a friend or you are bringing a friend home with you, it is important to remember to send a note to school. Without a note we cannot send children home with one another. Both sets of children must have written permission to go home with, or bring home a friend.

COMMUNICATION- If you need to contact me, please feel free to send a note, e-mail me at tmarshall@mysaintrose.net, or call the school office (646-3832) and ask for my voice mail. Please keep in mind that I am not able to check my e-mail/voicemail very often. If it is an urgent matter or regards your child's transportation then you should contact the office.

I know that is a lot of information to digest, but it will get less complicated as the year progresses. I am looking forward to another week and a full school year with your children. May we work together and learn with one another to make this the best year possible. Have a wonderful weekend!

Peace,

Ms. Marshall

