



DEAR PARENTS:

The days seem to be flying by here in 2C. We're working hard and making good progress.

RELIGION

We have begun working on the unit about the Eucharist and have completed two chapters. Please practice the Morning Offering with your child if you have not already. They will be tested on it March 5th.

I would like to again encourage you to take up the offertory gifts at one of the weekend Masses as part of your preparation with your child. The day you choose to do it, just have one of your family members pick up the crucifix on the table in the back of church and take it to your seat. Then bring it back to the table when you go to the back of church after the petitions to pick up the offertory gifts. The hospitality ministers can tell you when it is time to bring the gifts up. I have already seen some second grade families doing this. Thank you.

As I mentioned to you at the Eucharist Meeting, we will have an evening available for you and your child to come in and do some Eucharist/Mass projects together to help in your child's faith development. This opportunity will be available March 24 and 25 in the evenings and will be optional. Watch for an invitation soon!

Please remember the "Easter Basket" activity that your child is doing at home to prepare during lent for Easter. This is a daily activity so please check with your child occasionally to be sure that he/she is still working on it. The students should bring in their baskets, with the eggs that they accomplished, on the first day back from Easter Break. (Apr.6th)

The "Families Think about Lent" sheet that I

sent home is just some ideas for you. You do not have to return it.



READING

We have begun Theme Five. This theme is entitled "Family Time." Some of the skills included in this unit are contractions, prefix un, base words, and following directions.

Please continue to **have your child read to you each night** from the Nightly Books. Encourage him/her to stop at the periods and read with expression. Ask lots of questions to build on their comprehension skills.

March is the last month of the Book-It Program. Remember that these are books that your child reads in addition to the Nightly Books. They can be books that he/she reads independently or books that you read together.

In April and May the children will be given a book report activity to complete in place of the Book It record sheet. You will receive more details on that in the next newsletter.

On March 5th we will have a Reading Marathon to celebrate the end of the third quarter and to give me time to do some individual assessment with each child. We will follow the same guidelines as we used before. This is not the Silent Auction Reading Marathon but it will be coming soon!

ENGLISH

We will continue to study verbs (past and present) this month as well as capitalization and punctuation with quotation marks. We will put this knowledge to work with some creative writing stories around St. Patrick's Day.

Newspapers in Education Day will be in

March. We will be doing a number of learning activities with the newspaper. It is a great learning tool and fun to use!

Our topic for Show and Tell this month is "Favorite Possessions."

SPELLING

Please continue to have your child practice the spelling words from past weeks so that he/she will do well on the Spelling Dictation Test each Thursday. The third Quarter Review Test will be March 3rd. It will be any basic words from the past. Thanks for helping!

MATH

We will have our Math Party on March 19th. This is a reward for practicing the math facts at home for the past four months. Remember, each month's completed record sheet is a ticket to 15 minutes of the party where we play math games and have treats. If your child has not turned in the February record sheet, please do so very soon!

Please continue to **practice the addition and subtraction facts at home for fifteen minutes at least three times a week.** Give a little extra time to the subtraction because that is where the majority of the students are slower. They are tested on this the last two weeks of each quarter.

We are still working in unit three. We have almost completed chapter 12 on money and then begin to learn to tell time. Some are still struggling with the skill of making change so thanks for any help you can give at home with that skill.

CLOSING

You may begin to see that your child has a little more homework than was given at the beginning of the year. This is my way of preparing them for things to come in third grade.

Continue to sit down with your child for five minutes each night to go through the take-home folder and parent folder to see what needs to be taken care of. This would be a good time to ask about homework.

Remember the Practice book should be coming home each Thursday for you and your child to look over to make sure all of the required pages are completed. I feel bad when they have to stay in from recess on Friday to complete the pages. Thanks for your help.



We will begin cursive soon. The students are anxious to begin. You may help them practice at home but please practice only the letters they have been taught in school. Thanks.

The fourth quarter will be here soon! As spring fever season approaches, I encourage your child to enjoy the wonderful weather but I will need your help keeping them in the school mode! Thanks for all your support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Grissom

March Days to Remember:

- Mar. 3 – Third Quarter Spelling Test
- Mar. 5 – End of Third Quarter, Reading Marathon, Dismiss 1:00
- Mar. 9 - Dress Down Day, Dismiss at 2:00
- Mar. 11 – Report Cards distributed
- Mar. 12 – Teacher Retreat – No School
- Mar. 16 – Adoration All Day
- Mar. 15 – Registration info comes home
- Mar. 16 – Friends of the Earth Meeting
- Mar. 19 – Math Party
- Mar. 23 – B.U.G. Dress Down Day
- Mar. 24 – Sharing Faith with Family Night
- Mar. 25 – Sharing Faith with Family Night
- Mar. 26 – 2C Mass
- Apr. 6 – Return Lenten/Eater Basket