



DEAR PARENTS,

How quickly the days are going by! I am amazed that we are in the final month.

RELIGION

We are finishing up a few things on Eucharist this week and next then we will end the year with review of the liturgical season, feast days, and holy days. You will not be seeing the Review and Resource book or Sharing Faith with Family worksheets for homework after we finish chapter 19. Most of these final weeks of review are not from the book.

Thanks for all your extra effort this year helping your child prepare for the two sacraments. I am sure it was worth your time for your child's sake. Thank you, also, for letting me be a part of it. I consider it a blessing.

READING

We are about to complete the last theme of the book. Some of the skills taught in this unit included vowel pairs oo, ew, ue, and ou; ed and ing endings; high frequency words; and vocabulary words.

On May 11th we will have our final Reading Marathon. We will use the same rules that we followed for the first three. Check with your child if you are not sure of them.

This month's Book Report that is required will come home today. It needs to be completed by the date listed on the form. If possible, please have your child

also bring in the book to show. This "report" will be due one day in the week of May 14-18.

Thank you for helping your child prepare for this. The peephole book reports were fun to see. We put them in the hall to encourage others to read, also!

ENGLISH

We are completing our study of the parts of speech with adjectives the last few weeks. There will be a short test on nouns, pronouns, verbs, and adjectives. It might be good to do a little review at home with this.

Our Show and Tell topic for this month is "Animals." If you would like to bring a pet in that is not in a cage and cannot be left at school all day, feel free to contact me to set up a time and day when it is convenient for you to bring the pet in then take it back home. We would prefer Wednesday, which is our regular Show and Tell day, but can make exceptions to accommodate your schedule. I know many of the students have been anxiously waiting for this topic! Thank you.

SPELLING

The Fourth Quarter Spelling Review Test will be May 11th and may contain **any words from the year** (excluding challenge words). This, as well as the Thursday dictation tests, helps me evaluate their mastery of the words. The week of May 14-18, we will have a modified team Spelling Bee.



MATH

We are concluding the year learning skills about shapes, measurement, fractions, and counting to 1,000.

Again this quarter I will test your child on the addition and subtraction facts. That testing begins May 7th. There will be two

tests on addition and two on subtraction. Please continue to practice at home.

The last week of school I will send home a math booklet that will be good for them to work on through the summer to prepare them for third grade. They do not need to return it.

“ASK THE EXPERT”

As a little added fun for the end of the year, we will have an “Ask the Expert Week” beginning May 7th-11th. I have noticed through the years that the children have particular interests in many different areas and are well informed on the subject. Each child will have the opportunity to share this information with the class.

On May 4th, each child should bring in a large paper bag and be ready to tell what they will talk about the next week. She/he will decorate the bag at school with that theme and then the children will bring it home to fill with pictures, books, examples, and anything that will help them talk on their subject.

Please help your child prepare for this so that your child will be ready to be the expert on the date listed below. To ensure that this is a good experience, please let your child practice for you or someone at least two times. They are welcome to use note cards to help them with their speech.

Because this will need to be scheduled, four students will be assigned each day and must be prepared for that day. Please help your child prepare for a maximum of five minutes for the report. They will also have one minute after the speech for any questions for the expert. Thanks for your help. We are all looking forward to this!

My date to bring my filled bag and be the

expert is_____.

NIGHTLY BOOKS

Please return any nightly books that you may have at home by May 14th. I have seven cards here without the books. Please look for books with stickers in the top right hand corner. If you have any books that you would like to donate to our nightly books, I would appreciate it. I do not have funds to replace lost or damaged books. Thank you. The last night to read from these books will be May 11th. I need to begin to inventory them at that time.

CLOSING

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this past year. I felt blessed to have so many people volunteer and willingly help with so many tasks and needs. I am overwhelmed by your support! You have helped to make this a very successful year for us. Thank you so much and may God Bless You!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Grissom

May Dates to Remember:

May 8 – 2:00 Dismissal, Dress Casual, bring aluminum cans,
May 11 - Quarter Spelling Review Test, Last Reading Marathon
May 14 - All nightly books turned in today
May 21 – Field Day
May 22 – Last day of school – dismiss at 1:00