

Third grade happenings

Sept. 14, 2007

Dear Parents,

First let me say that it was wonderful to meet many of you at the open house Wednesday night. It's nice to be able to put faces to names. Thank you for the warm welcomes and the kind words. This newsletter will be on the short side this week since I probably overloaded you with information that you received in the packet on Wednesday night. **If you couldn't make it to the open house please feel free to stop in before or after school.** I am usually at school by 7:15am and many nights I stay till at least 5:00pm, unless I have a family event or appointment to go to. I would love to meet you. **Always feel free to call me or email me.** I will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

In reading we just finished reading a selection from our reading series called Cliffhanger. **We are also discussing cause and effect, which is a very difficult concept to grasp.** The students are troopers though and are doing their personal best with it. We'll be working with this concept throughout the year.

In science **we are looking at the differences between living and non-living things.** We have already done some "cool" experiments in the science lab; such as describing the differences between pea seeds and pea gravel and observing the behavior of wax worms with our eighth grade buddies.

In math **we continue to work on place value and ways numbers are used (to show position, labeling, measuring, and counting).** I will be introducing the thousands place next week.

In social studies **we are discussing various types of communities. This ties in very nicely with our Faith Formation unit where we are looking at our Catholic community.**

The students **continue to enjoy learning cursive.** We have learned the following letters so far: c, a, d, and g. Our next letter will be "h". Wow!! They're all doing such a wonderful job.

Well I promised a short newsletter, but look at me rambling on and on. My husband says I don't know when to stop when I start writing.

Please initial your child's planner each night. You may find a little note in there from me and I don't want you to miss it. I will check them each morning to be sure you've seen it and I will look to see if you have written any notes to me. Also, please initial each homework box your child completes. Just as a reminder, each student must do the Faith Formation box and 3 other boxes of his/her choice.

I am writing this very late at night so I apologize if I do appear to be rambling.

HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE WEEKEND!

God Bless,

Mrs. Kelly Donohue