

September 28, 2007

Dear Parents,

Another busy week flies by! I am writing this before we make our scarecrows today. This is always a lot of fun and a mess! The kids love it. I can't wait to see them! Thank you Stormzand family for donating straw! We will be working on a creative writing project about scarecrows next week. I had hoped to start it this week, but we were too busy preparing for the Science test and working on finishing rough drafts of the adventure stories.

I will be working on some test-taking skills with the 3rd graders throughout the month of October. We will begin ITBS testing the week of October 22nd. Besides the battery of academic tests, the 3rd graders also take a cognitive skills test. I want to get them used to the format used and show them how to do their best. During the testing time, there will be no other homework other than spelling.

I am sending home information about the first book report. It will be due on October 26th. They should begin reading a book of their choice now. Please look for information about the projects requirements in the Friday folder today.

Also included in the Friday folder is a permission slip to watch the Disney movie, "Mulan" next Friday, October

5th. We will be comparing and contrasting the story and the movie afterwards.

Our Chapter 2 Math test will be on Wednesday, October 3rd. This was a very short chapter and most students have done very well with the work.

I am sending along the October book order forms. They will be due back on Friday, October 5th.

Scholastic made a mistake in our last order (and apologized profusely.) We received most of the missing books today, but we are still missing two books. They will hopefully be arriving soon!

Upcoming important dates:

- ❖ October 5: Scholastic Book Club orders due.
- ❖ October 8: Home and School Roller Skating Party 6:00-8:00 PM.
- ❖ October 9: Vision screening for 3rd graders.
- ❖ October 19: Diocesan Institute Day (no school)
- ❖ October 22: ITBS test begins

As always have a wonderful weekend!

In God's Peace,

Mrs. Deb Pieri