

## Grade 2/3 News



Just a little update to let you know what is happening in Grade 2/3!

The Grade 2's and 3's are having a great start to the school year and I am looking forward to seeing their progress and accomplishments over the next couple of months. One of our classroom goals is to develop our school board theme which is "Hearts on Fire". Our class discussions and reading responses indicate that even when we achieve success and make mistakes, we learn from them and help others to improve by showing kindness, comfort and forgiveness. In our classroom, we continue to promote filling our hearts with these virtues. The students are continuing to work on cooperation, being kind to each other and building on positive relationships by following classroom routines. Establishing routines and rules are critical in creating a successful learning environment.

### Religion/FamilyLife:

We will be practicing and reciting the Apostles Creed and discussing what it means to our Faith and beliefs. Students will focus on The Beatitudes for the month of October and give thanks to our God in the preparation for the season of Thanksgiving.

Students are learning to accept and love others for their differences by being leaders of Jesus Christ. Discussions are taking place that provide students with an opportunity to share what they think God's dream is for us. We continue to engage in Christian meditation every afternoon to reflect on our visions of faith and kindness towards each other.

Father Andrew, Father John and our youth minister, Andrew, will be visiting us from St. Pius Church.

### Language:

→Grade 2/3 students are working on making connections and identifying story elements with fictional texts and silly stories from the Nelson literacy program. They are developing detailed sentence writing with a focus on punctuation, noun and verb agreement within their written responses. Grade 3's have begun a novel study unit on The Chocolate Touch. They will use the "Answer Sandwich" model in order to develop paragraphs that include opening statements and closing statements that reflect in their reading responses. A big thank you to our class volunteer Mrs. Rudyk who helps lead this!

Developmental Reading assessments continue to be in the works. Your child will be working on their independent reading level at home and their guided level at school during our guided reading sessions. Please keep encouraging your child to do their home reading!

## Math:

→Grade 2's completed a unit in Number patterns and are now focusing on Number Sense/Number lines/counting by 2's, 5's 10's and developing strategies for adding and subtracting. . . Have your child practice adding and subtracting with items at home or when you go shopping. Grade 3's are still working on developing skills in number patterns and place value. Encourage them to show you various ways to show 3-digit numbers. They are still adjusting to using a math textbook and math expectations. A reminder is always sent home regarding the math questions assigned in class for Grade 3. Ample time is always give for class completion, so if your child is coming home with too many questions, then it's a good indication that class time is not being used appropriately.

**All students are enrolled in Math Prodigy and their logins and passwords have been placed in the fronts of their agendas.**

***Math Tip: During commercial television time/travel time to sporting events, etc, ask your child to skip count with you by 2's, 3's, 5's, and 10's. Start at odd and even numbers. Use two and three digit numbers. Encourage them to make estimates with money spent when shopping, etc.***

## Science:

Grade 2's are working on studying animals and their classification groups/life cycles  
Grade 3's are working on the study of plants.

## Gym:

We are currently working on cooperative games involving locomotive movements such as balancing, skipping, tennis ball toss, broom stick and ball and developing our balance through exercises and stretches.

HalloweenNews: On October 31<sup>th</sup>, please send your child to school in their Halloween costumes. This will remove any disruptions throughout the day. We will complete centers in math and literacy that have a Halloween theme. Your child is welcome to bring in Halloween loot bags to exchange with their peers (however, not mandatory). See the school Calendar for important dates regarding other Halloween activities

## Important Dates:

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pizza Day

Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Beach visits and Pace's Lunch

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Prayer service

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Mass at St. Puis and Pizza Day

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Sub Day

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Day

Oct 18th – Pita lunch

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – PA Day (no school)

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pizza Day

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Pace's lunch and fall frenzy in the evening at 5:30 pm

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Photo retake day

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween parade/dance/class activities and hot dog day

Thank you,

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