



Grade Three October Newsletter



The Grade Three's are an incredibly enthusiastic class! We spent the month of September learning about the routines of the classroom. Students continue to show growth and improvement in their ability to listen, follow instructions and participate in classroom routines. I look forward to helping students work toward achieving their academic, personal and spiritual goals throughout the year.

As the year progresses, students are learning to be more responsible and independent. In order to do this, your support at home is greatly appreciated. It is each child's responsibility to complete their homework and have their planner signed. Below are a few reminders students know, but are important for you to be aware of as well.

Home Reading is to be done daily (seven days a week) for 10-15 minutes. Students are encouraged to borrow books from school. However, they can also read any books that you have at home. They are to fill out their reading log each night, along with three new or interesting words. Now that we have begun the *Hooked on Books* program, students should also remember to fill in their sheets to collect prizes!

Students have been very diligent in pre-reading their **Math** lessons. This has allowed us to do the practice questions in class with teacher assistance. Thank you for your help in making this possible.

Spelling words are given every Monday. Students have a copy of the words written in their planners. The spelling sentences are sent home on Monday and are due on Thursdays. Spelling tests are on Fridays.

It is very important to help your child establish a quiet and consistent homework routine. It will help them to develop their organization, academic skills and the ability to complete tasks on their own. Please sign their planners when they have completed their homework assignments. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to write me a note in their planner.

Walkathon

We will be having our 2011 Walkathon Friday October 7th. Please make sure you have submitted your child's pledge sheet and permission slip before Friday. We would love to have you come and join us, any volunteers would be welcome!

Curriculum Focus for the month of October



- Religion:** Learning about the Rosary and how to recite the Apostle's Creed
- Reading:** Choosing good fit books, buddy reading
Describe Character, Setting, Problem & Solution to stories
Reading with fluency and clear voice
- Writing:** Students must write in complete sentences (Capitals and periods)
(Please help them reread spelling sentences to check their work)
Working on writing neatly and legibly
- Math:** Place value and numbers up to 1000
Counting forwards and backwards in the 100's by 2s, 5s & 10s
Quick recall of basic addition and subtraction facts to 18
- Science:** Identifying characteristics of the planets
- Socials:** Mapping skills: locating, creating and reading maps
Identifying major Canadian landforms on a map
- French:** Vocabulary for school supplies and greeting

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at the school or by email at nvandenbos@spev.ca

God bless,

Ms. Van den Bos