

# Third Grade News

March 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the operation of our school auction. It was a huge success!

**Reading:** We began reading, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume. If you have the book it would be great to send it to school. Your child will be completing a packet with comprehension questions and writing assignments. Listening is a must! We also began our new anthology. The students will work in groups, with students from Mrs. Hausrath's room to present each of our stories to the class. They may decide to act out a play, retell the story through pictures, use puppets, etc. We will give the children 30 minutes per day to prepare. Everyone is still responsible for vocabulary, skills and reading the story. The first week of PARP went well. Please fill in the minutes your child reads per day and sign the reading log weekly.

**Math:**  
We will continue to review addition and Subtraction facts, multiplication and some are ready to learn division.  
Week 1: review  
Week 2: 3's  
Week 3: 6's  
Week 4: review.  
I am still seeing children that do not know facts...please encourage them to master these!!

**Religion:**  
We are so proud of grades 1-3! They collected a total of \$100 to be

donated to a Haiti relief fund through the Sisters of St. Mary. The money will be used to help the earthquake victims. I am also so impressed with the children's writing about God and their image they created. That was a difficult assignment to write. I sat down to write when they were writing as well. I even shared my paper with the students. We will continue to share until all have been read.

### **Language Arts:**

We are beginning unit 5, which will practice using pronouns (subject and object), contractions and possessive pronouns. We will once again be using both the book and a practice packet.

### **Social Studies/Science**

Our unit test is March 11...please encourage your child to study vocabulary (25 words), key concepts and review guide.

We will switch to science after government and learn about matter. Mrs. Hausrath is in the process of putting together a presentation about our new solar panels at DeSales.

Upcoming Events:

- \$1.00 Dress Down Day-3/12
- Family Reading Night -3/19
- Mass- 3/24
- Spring Pictures-3/25
- Michelle Knudsen to visit- 3/26
- Fieldtrip-3/29

Thanks for all you do!

Mrs.Gilbert