

3RD GRADE CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 3

Reminders

Annual Fund Fall Drive: Thank you all for your support! We really appreciate your generosity.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent-teacher conferences will take place November 24-26. Since this is student-led, third graders are required to be present at their conferences. The sign-up will be coming out this week. Please let me know if none of these times work or if you will be out of town so we can make arrangements to meet at another time.

November Food Drive

This November, our school will hold a food drive to help stock the shelves of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, which serves individuals and families in need right here in our West Seattle community. **Please see the eFC for more details about items that are needed. Thanks for your support.**

SeaFarers Agency Candy Drive

Donate your excess Halloween candy to give to SeaFarers who spend long periods of time at sea away from their families conducting commercial maritime services. Consider filling a small or large ziploc bag with your child to send into school. Collection boxes will be in the front office until Nov. 14.

Homework

- ✓ Read 20 minutes everyday and fill in log
- ✓ Cursive sheet on Tuesday and due Thursday.
- ✓ Math worksheet most nights
- ✓ Spelling homework is due on Thursday and test is on Friday

Upcoming dates

- No School next Monday (teacher inservice) or Tuesday (Veteran's Day)



Spelling Words

Our pattern this week is: words with silent letters

wrap, wrists, wrote, wreck, wring, write, wreath, knit, knife, knight, knock, knee, gnome, sign, gnaws

Challenge words: government, Veteran

Star this week: Alistair



THIS WEEK WE ARE LEARNING:



Reading:

Students received their **November reading log today**. Please continue to make nightly reading a priority! Thank you for keeping the log in a safe spot so your child will have it handy at the end of the month when the time comes to complete the book.

The Boxcar Children: As students read chapters 5 & 6, we analyze the characters as they go exploring for treasure and Henry finds a job. We learn how they are creative, resourceful, hard-working and considerate through their actions and words.

Mr. Popper's Penguins: We continue reading chapters 7-9. We choose traits to describe the characters in our story and use text evidence to back up our reasoning. We also read chapter 10.

Grammar: This week we focus on combining subjects or predicates to make our sentences better. We also review the many different times students should include a comma - items in a list, addresses, dates and after the name of someone being spoken to.

Handwriting: This week students learn **lower case j and p**. A practice sheet will come home on **Tuesday** and will be due **Thursday**. It is important that they are tracing each letter carefully and forming the letter correctly. Thanks for helping your child with this extra cursive practice.

Writing: Students write different types of sentences about owls. They focus on adding a subject, predicate and prepositional phrase when appropriate.



Math: We continue our unit on multiplication. This week we focus on making arrays and tables to help solve multiplication problems. Students also demonstrate their understanding of arrays by making "array cities."

Science: We continue our unit on inherited traits. We do a Mystery Science exploration on how variation in the toe scales of green lizards provides some individuals with an advantage when it comes to climbing and surviving.

Social Studies: We begin a short unit on government and voting. Students learn about the voting process and the electoral college.



Religion: We learn about All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day. We also continue practicing the Come, Holy Spirit Prayer. Students will be tested the week of November 16th.