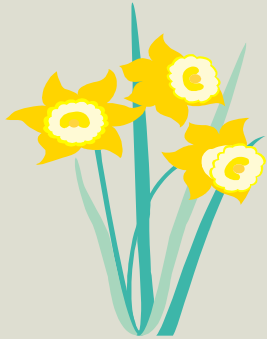


Holy Family School - Grade Three

Ms. DePiero and Mrs. Balabuck

March 2010

Happy Spring!



Reminders

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 20th – First Day of Spring

March 15th-19th - March Break

March Birthdays

Ms. DePiero's Class

Kiera – 30th

Mrs. Balabuck's Class

Jessie - 29th

Happy Birthday!



Thank you to all the parents and family members who came out to help tie skates and skate with us on our skating days.

Please continue to read and initial your child's agenda daily to ensure that you receive reminders about

homework, activities, events or notes from the teacher. Please ensure that the agenda comes back to school each day.

Catholic Virtues in Action

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Mathew 6:12

March's focus virtue is **Forgiveness**. We will discuss how important it is to say sorry and ask for forgiveness when we have done something wrong. We remember that God forgives us too. We will also talk about how we

should forgive others and move on from our anger when someone is trying to make things better. We remember to forgive as Jesus forgave others, even when he was on the cross. This month we

remember all our virtues, of inclusivity, respect, peacemaking, humility, courage and honesty as we pray through this Lenten Season.

P.A.L.S. Corner

Peer Assisted Learning Strategies are operating at full tilt within your child's Grade 3 classroom. Both fiction and non-fiction books are shared by peers in order to experience Partner Reading, Retelling, Paragraph Shrinking and Prediction Relay. You can help at home by sharing fiction as well as non-fiction books with your child before bed. Choose a book that has no more than five words on a page that your child cannot recognize. When your child does get stuck on a word, give him/her a moment to sound it out. If your child is still stuck, simply tell him/her the word. Have your child repeat it, read the sentence again, and then move ahead in the story. Reading with your child in this manner will help him/her imprint new vocabulary. Most importantly, though, enjoy your time together!

Mrs. Colledanchise
PALS Teacher



Science/Social Studies

This month we will wrap up our Forces Causing Movement unit and will move on to our Heritage and Citizenship unit, we will identify the First Nations

people living in Upper Canada in 1800 with a focus on the Ojibway. We will begin to investigate aspects of the communities of First Nation Peoples in Upper

Canada around 1800. This unit will lead us to our term 3 investigation of early settlers in Canada.

Language Arts

Reading

We continue to ask questions before, during and after we read to enhance our comprehension of texts and promote critical thinking. We will talk about how some of our questions can be answered from the text, but others require us to do some thinking and make our own inferences based on clues in the story and our own ideas. Continue to use these questioning prompts as you read with your child at home:
I wonder . . . ?
What if . . . ?
Why do you think . . . ?

We will continue reading our "Mouse" theme novels studies this month and practice responses to open ended questions.

Please continue to read at least 15 minutes daily with your child from their Reading Rocks bag.

Writing

We continue to improve our writing this month by editing and revisiting our work. Students must remember to reread their work and ask themselves, "Does this make sense?" We have also been using

checklist to help us check our work before handing it in.

We continue to practice using adjectives and adverbs to improve our sentences.

Our goal is to finish learning our cursive alphabet this month and to begin writing more of our work in cursive!

Keep practicing those weekly spelling focus words at home.



Math

This month we move onto our measurement unit. We are learning that capacity is the measurement of how much a container holds, in litres and millilitres. Encourage your child to find the capacity of

containers around the home. We will also be learning about mass as the measurement of how heavy an object is in kilograms and grams. We will explore time to the nearest 5 minutes using an analog clock. We will use calendars to

show the passage of days, weeks, and months. Have your child practice telling time on both analog and digital clocks at home. Don't forget to continue to practice multiplication facts!

Christian Living

We celebrate the gift of forgiveness this month as we reflect on the need to forgive and be forgiven. We will talk about the special way that we celebrate God's forgiveness through

reconciliation. We share the story of the Passion of Jesus Christ and remember how, in His death Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit of forgiveness.

