

November 11, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parents,

I hope you all had a nice weekend. We only met for 3 days this week, but we manage to accomplish quite a bit.

In Religion we discussed the new Nicene Creed and compared it to the old Nicene Creed. This is just one of the many changes in the Mass that are coming soon. I read to the class how we came to celebrate Veteran's Day. We spoke about how important our veterans are to our protection and followed up our discussion with a packet.

This week we read an updated version of *The Country Mouse and the City Mouse*. We contrasted and compared the settings and the life styles of the mice. We reviewed contractions too. The answers to the comprehension questions are getting better and more detailed each week. I am very proud of my class!

We finished our English grammar unit on Nouns. The students enjoyed learning about the collective nouns (class, team) and the words that can be both nouns and verbs. They realized they knew this all the time, but never thought about it. We can put possessives away for a while 😊. It is on to Pronouns.

We reviewed regrouping in Math using unifix cubes to illustrate tens and ones. I introduced the Train Game to the class which they enjoyed. (It is a math fact game that challenges 2 students at one time and who knows the fact the most quickly.) We did board work and word problems. I was pleased with how well they remembered the facts and regrouping.

We discussed broadleaf trees and needle leaf trees known as evergreens. We labeled the leaves we brought from home and made a rubbing. Next week I am hoping to make forest habitats in bottles. If you have 2 liter bottles we could really use them. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Our Pilgrim Unit begins on Monday. We will use several resources, including our Massachusetts text. The Pilgrims will be integrated into all subjects in our curriculum. I am really looking forward to it.

I have a couple of reminders and dates for you:

Book Reports are due Wednesday, November 30th

Third Grade Thanksgiving Mass-Tuesday, November 22nd @ 9:00

Small Third Grade Pilgrim feast – Wednesday, November 23rd.

2 Liter bottles for the Forest Terrariums

Have a wonderful week. Please let me know of any concerns. I am always there for you.

**My best,
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