

November 18, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parents,

This is such a busy fun time of year and we in Grade 3 have been busy while having fun learning.

We spent the majority of our Religion time this week planning and practicing for our Thanksgiving Mass which will be held on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9 o'clock in the upstairs Church. Thank you for helping your student practice his/her part. I know they will be wonderful.

This past week the students read a story in their anthology that was a photo journal about an 8 year old girl who is a dwarf. We discussed that a dwarf is a person with a normal size body and short arms and legs. The class realized this child, despite some difficulties, lead a life very much like their own. Their sensitivity to being a dwarf was truly genuine. We reviewed the ea sound and again looked for details in their comprehension. I was very happy to share with the class how pleased I have been in the last few weeks with their comprehension answers.

The students wrote a beautiful creative writing assignment about something they wished. This "something" could not be a Christmas list, but rather a wish they had for their family, the United States, the world, their town, school, etc. They were thoughtful and moving wishes. I will send them home for Thanksgiving.

Super job this week in addition. If you are checking over your student's work, please look for the columns to line up by one, tens, hundreds, and thousands. We also had a difficult chore of playing with numbers. I appreciate all the effort that went into tackling this assignment. Next week we will be working with money – how appropriate for this time of year.

As Pilgrims this past week we have left England for Holland, made a bad business deal; sailed across the Atlantic in the stormy season; settled in at Plymouth and built house. The children had important jobs. Next week we will learn about the friendship that developed between the Native Americans and the Pilgrims; and we will conclude our unit with the First Thanksgiving. We will all participate in Craft Day on Monday. It's a fun afternoon. There will be a test on the Pilgrims after Thanksgiving.

I am looking forward to next week. It's one of my favorite weeks of the school year. Thanksgiving is such a special holiday for families and friends. Book Reports are due on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also for your donations for our Food Drive. We will be sending lots of food to Core Unum in Lawrence.

Have a nice week.

My best,  
Mrs. Ellie Brown