

September 30, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parents,

It was very nice to meet with so many of you at Open House. Now you are more familiar with our classroom and the daily occurrences of Third Grade. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you need information about our school year.

We discussed Mary this week in Religion. This was good preparation for Monday when we will begin to learn to say the Rosary. If your student has Rosary beads you wouldn't mind sending to school, please do so on Monday. I do have some extra Rosaries, but not 17. Thank you in advance.

Our Anthology story this week was an updated version of Chicken Little. It was fun to read. The students reviewed contractions, the ou sound, and made predictions. The illustrations in this story were excellent. For creative writing I had the class select their favorite picture and explained why they liked it.

In English grammar we learned how to combine predicates and how to avoid Run-On-Sentences. We are finishing our first grammar and will review the chapter next week. There will be a test during the week.

We have finished the review of printing in our handwriting books. This class has beautiful printing which is a tribute to their previous teachers. We will begin to do some cursive strokes very soon.

In math we are working on place values. In Third Grade we work with numbers to the 100,000 place. The class learned the standard, written, and expanded form of numbers. Next week there is a very difficult section on analyzing strategies.

We are using our classroom village to learn how to go from one place to another and the direction in which we are traveling. We have learned the cardinal and intermediate directions. Next week the students will be introduced to new geographical terms and symbols.

The Book Reports were wonderful. The students followed directions so well. I am very impressed with the effort of this class. The next book report will be a mystery. Information will be coming home soon.

On Monday I will send home an email regarding Shell Day. Shell Day marks the end of our Science unit on the Ocean. We will have activities on Thursday and Friday. More details will follow.

Once again, I thank you for your support. Please know I am always there for you. Have a great week.

My best,

Mrs. Ellie Brown