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Dear Third Grade Parents,

We had another busy week in Third Grade. We started our Rosary on Monday. The class is learning the Apostle's Creed. We do a decade a day and the students lead the prayers. They are doing a beautiful job.

This week in our Reading Anthology we read about Harvey the Foolish Pig. We had a great discussion about the importance of using common sense – something Harvey did not do. We worked on cause and effect, introduced common and proper nouns (which will be our next grammar unit), and a new concept. I present the students with the definition and they search for the word that matches it. I give them the page on which the answer is found.

We finished our Grammar Unit on sentences and we will begin to work with nouns next week. We will do Lesson 6 in Spelling which is a Review Lesson. There will be 2 days of spelling sentences in place of ABC order. There are 36 review words and I will select 20 for the test on Friday. I remind the students every day to be more mindful to their spelling.

In Math we extended our place values to 100,000. We also learned how to chart items into 10's and 1's. Next week we will learn how to round off numbers to the nearest 10's and 100's and then we will review $<$, $>$, and $=$ to.

The October book report form will be sent home this week along with the rubric which I use to grade the report. Once again I need to approve the mystery. I also recommend the small post-its at the end of the chapters to help remember what happened. It is also helpful make a rough draft before putting the information on the form. The Book Report is due on Friday, October 28th.

We will be concluding our Map Study soon, but will continue to reinforce these skills throughout the year. There will be a test next week and I will provide a Study Guide for the students. I will let you know the exact date of the test.

The most fun we had this week was Shell Day. The students brought in some wonderful shells and shared them with the class. They painted shells beautifully and even made a shell fossil. We had some “appropriate” Shell Day food. Thank you very much for helping me with the food. I enjoy sharing food treats with the students, but I am extremely cautious of the food allergies. I will always let you know what food I am planning to serve and see if I can make substitutions so everyone can join in the fun.

I hope you all enjoyed this spectacular weekend. I apologize for the late letter, but for some reason there was no internet access in my corner of Maine. Have a great week.

My best,

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