

October 28, 2011

Dear Third Grade Parents,

First I apologize for not sending this out over the weekend, but it was a pretty weird weekend. I hope this letter finds you all well, safe, and blessed with heat and lights.

This week in Religion we learned about Jesus, the Son of God. We discussed the meaning of the word Jesus, when we first became disciples; who is in the Holy Family, and that faith is a gift from God.

In our Reading Anthology we read a funny story about a knight who was afraid of the dark. The alliteration and illustrations were terrific. We did a sequential assignment placing the facts from the story in order. I was particularly pleased with the comprehension questions this week. The details I am searching for are beginning to emerge.

The Mystery Book Reports are great. The students followed directions more carefully than the first book report. The sentences are interesting. I particularly enjoyed the scariest parts.

In Creative Writing the students wrote great paragraphs about what scares them. Many of them are not too fond of things that crawl. Next we made a list of Halloween words and learned about Haikus. Haikus are 3 line poems written with a specific syllabic pattern of 5-7-5 syllables per line. I thought they were very successful in their first attempt.

We spent the week in English Grammar learning about possessives. I helped them make a chart so they could follow nouns from singular to singular possessive; plural to plural possessive. We even learned about irregular nouns such as deer, woman, etc. This is a very difficult concept.

I am very impressed with their hard work in Math rounding to 10's and 100's and learning to tell time. The class as a whole seems to be taking more time and doing more careful work.

We took our final Map test this week. Thank you for studying with your student. They did very well on the test. We will continue to work with map concepts throughout the year so their new found skills remain intact.

Finally, thank you very much for all of your donations to our wonderful Halloween Party. We had a great day! We had fruit, veggies, and lots of water which is certainly appreciated. Special thanks goes to our Room Mother, Maria Batten.

Thank you as always for your support. Please let me know of any of your questions or concerns. I will send home information regarding the November book report soon.

**Happy Halloween,
Mrs. Ellie Brown**

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