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October 3 – October 7

First Grade Parents,

Welcome to October. It’s going to start getting busy!! Yikes!

As far as “normal” goes…your child has his/her Bible verse and spelling words for the week. Please be sure you are practicing both of those during the week.

I have also sent home a Saint project for you to begin working on. (All information that I am about to tell you can be found in that project packet.) It is a long-standing tradition for the first graders to dress as saints for All Saints Day. Of course, we will continue that tradition! In a nutshell, your child will choose a saint to learn about. Your child will write a brief report about that saint and dress up as that saint. Some children use simple things like sheets or robes to use as the base of their costume, others (who know someone who sew) get a little more fancy. Either type of costume is fine with me. It’s not a competition; I am just looking to see that each child is dressed up and that their costume appropriately represents their saint. I have a few costumes from the past in my classroom that can be used. First come, first served. On All Saints Day, the children will wear their costumes to Mass and then present a “Living Wax Museum” to the rest of the school. Each child will need to be able to recite a few facts about his or her saint from memory. I would suggest writing the report and then choosing the facts from there. For now, I will need you to discuss with your child what saint he or she would like to be. I am only going to allow a saint to be represented one time, so I would have a couple of back-up choices in mind, as well. The report will be done at home, along with memorizing the facts. We will begin rehearsing the week of the 24th.

To go along with this project, I am finalizing a field trip to All Saints Church. I am hoping to go on Tuesday, October 25th. The church has beautiful stained glass windows of many saints and we are lucky enough to have an opportunity to go look at those windows and hear the stories of those saints. Look for permission slips soon.

Today, I also sent home Scholastic book order forms. You may order from these forms, but there is a much bigger selection of flyers on the Scholastic website. I attached a letter to the flyer explaining how to order or you can access Scholastic on my webpage under the “Parent” tab. The most important thing you can do with, and for, your child to help him or her succeed in school is to read!! I hope that you find some fun books to help!

I will be out of town this Friday through next Tuesday. I HATE missing school, but my nephew is getting married this weekend in Indiana. I can’t believe it has been 10 years since I have been “home”, and I just really need to be there. Thank you for understanding. This should be it for me missing any school unless it is for illness. (Trust me…writing lesson plans for a sub is NO fun at all.)

I think that’s it…

Thank you to the Anderson Family for providing snacks this week. The Fitterer Family will be providing snacks next week.

May God Bless You,

Mrs. Stevason