

August 18, 2017

Mrs. Garcia's Classroom News

NOTES

Welcome back to SMS! I am so excited to be here with this new group of students! As I am sure you have heard, we have had no desks in our classroom. The reason for this is because our class is getting brand new desks!! In the mean time, we have had tables and chairs for the students and they are using tubs to store their desk supplies. While we wait for our new desks, we are enjoying our "flexible seating".

Another exciting new thing in third grade is our one-to-one iPads! With a full classroom set of iPads, we will have so many more opportunities to use them! I forgot to add to my supply list that we need headphones for iPad use. Earbuds or headphones are acceptable as long as they feel comfortable to them. Thank you!

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

This year, we were lucky enough to be able to get a new Language Arts series in 3rd grade! In our new series, we will have a spelling test each week and there will be a separate test to assess the Language Arts skills we learned throughout the week. These assessments will take place on Fridays. There may be questions about the Reading skill, English skills, vocabulary, etc. Each week I will attach a study guide to the parent letter that includes all of the skills that they will learn throughout the week.

In Math, we will be learning about writing numbers different ways in word form, using larger numbers, and number lines. We are looking forward to watching the solar eclipse on Monday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **School lunches this year went up to \$2.75.
- **Please remember that you are not allowed to drive down the alley for any reason between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm for the safety of our students.
- **Third graders need to purchase a school planner. The cost is \$5 and they can be purchased from me.
- **Please remember to review the new policies in the family handbook. A note was sent home earlier this week explaining where the changes can be found.
- **If your child is not going to be in attendance on Monday due to attending a solar eclipse viewing, it will be an excused absence as long as a note is sent into the school office.
- **The school's new Facebook page is up and running. (Saint Marys Catholic School)

