

# 3rd Grade Rocks

Dear Parents,

Welcome back as we begin another exciting school year at St. Leo's School. Our classroom is made up of 21 children.

## ALLERGY ALERT-

Just a reminder that we have students in our school who suffer from a life threatening allergy to eggs, sesame seeds, mustard, peanuts and all tree nuts. I have spoken to the class and reminded them that they are *not allowed to share any snacks or utensils*. **Any food containing nuts of any kind are not permitted at St. Leo's School**. Although I will be monitoring, please check your child's snacks carefully to avoid sending any food which may contain nuts. When the children first enter the school they will wash their hands in our classroom. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact myself or our principal, Ms. McLaren.

## *Some topics we will focus on this month include:*

Religion- Our Catholic Community  
Family Life- Created and Loved by God  
Math- Patterning and Place Value  
Language Verbs/ Alphabetical Order/Writing an Autobiography/Organizing Ideas  
Science- Growth and Changes in Plants

## Some Important Information:

V.I.P. Each day a child from the class will be randomly chosen to be the V.I.P. (Very Important Person) for the day. This child will help to distribute materials, be the class leader, as well as assist with other small jobs within the classroom.

Water Bottles Students are welcome to have water bottles at school on their desks. This helps to alleviate numerous trips to the drinking fountain.

Communication: In order to allow for ongoing communication for home and school, I will send out a monthly newsletter as well as check the agendas each morning for parents' signatures. **Please initial your child's agenda each day so I can assure that you have seen it.** I will initial each agenda every afternoon. Feel free to include notes in the agenda regarding appointments or upcoming absences.  
Please check the plastic sleeve inside the front of your child's agenda for school related notes and daily work.

September  here!

**Entry and Dismissal** The grade 3 students will be entering and leaving the school on the south side of the building (near Mrs. Mulrain's classroom-formerly Mr. Esbaugh's room). We will proceed to our classroom where the children will store their coats, backpacks and outdoor shoes. For the safety of the students, I need to know how each child is getting home each night. **The school must be notified (by a note in the agenda, in person, or by telephone) if there is a change to the regular pick up routine.**

**Indoor Shoes** The children must have a separate pair of indoor shoes for safety reasons. It is best that the indoor shoes are running shoes since they will be worn during physical education. No Crocs or sandals please!

**Tests/ Assignments/ Quizzes** The students will have ample time to prepare for any scheduled tests or assignments. Periodically, quizzes will be administered. **Please sign and return any assignments or tests sent home.** I will keep these in a portfolio for each child for my own reference and these will all be sent home at the end of the school year.

#### **Headphones**

Each child will need headphones for the computer.

We will check to make sure that all students have headphones and those that are at school are working properly.

#### **Agendas**

The cost of the agendas is \$6. Please pay through Cash Online by Sept 22nd.

We are in need of boxes of Kleenex and liquid soap for our classroom that we will be using throughout the school year. If you are able to send these items we would greatly appreciate them.

Home Reading will begin on  
Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Volunteers**

We value our volunteers at St. Leo's. Just a reminder that any volunteers who are working in the school or chaperoning on a trip must have a valid police check. Your police check is good for a period of 3 years.

#### **Child Information Sheet**

I have attached an information page to help me get to know your child a little bit better. Please feel free to include any relevant information you think I should know. Please return by Sept. 11, 2018.

I look forward to getting to know both you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to include a note in the agenda or contact me at school.

Mrs. Low