

Dear Room 3 Parents,

Welcome to the second grade in Room Three! This year is always an exciting one for the children. They will be preparing for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, as well as learning many new things and becoming more responsible students. As they begin their journey through the year, I would like to share with you a little of what they will be learning and what is expected of them.

In Math some of the topics they will be learning are addition and subtraction strategies, problem solving, money, time, basic geometry, patterns, measurement and fractions. Students are expected to practice math facts daily for at least ten minutes. They are given a timed (5 minutes) math facts test every two weeks to mark their progress. Addition facts 0-10 are to be mastered by the end of the first quarter. Subtraction facts 0-10 are to be mastered by the end of the second quarter. Addition facts 11-18 are to be mastered by the end of the third quarter. Subtraction facts 11-18 are to be mastered by the end of the fourth quarter.

Language Arts includes English, Phonics, Spelling, Handwriting and Reading. The students will continue to learn basic grammar, writing, phonics, spelling and reading skills. At least 10 minutes of reading is assigned for homework daily: two days of oral reading and two days of silent reading. Please listen to your child read and guide them when they read orally. Spelling words are to be printed once every night. Manuscript printing will be taught through December with cursive starting in January.

Social Studies, Science and Health will be taught three times a week. Generally, there will not be homework in these subjects. The children have workbooks at school. As they complete the pages, I will send them home in their weekend folders.

A yellow Religion Curriculum sheet was given to you on August 25th. There will be two mandatory meetings throughout the year for you to attend: Reconciliation – Oct. 17 and First Eucharist – Feb. 27. Both meetings are in the church at 7:00 pm. *Please continue to foster your child's faith by attending Mass regularly, praying at home together and sharing your feelings and experiences of the sacraments.*

Remember to monitor homework each evening and sign the homework sheet to indicate that homework has been completed.

School papers will be sent home in a folder most Fridays. Please send the folder to school on Monday with any “Correct and Return” papers corrected. These are practice pages with one or more mistakes. If your child receives a below average grade on something being used toward the report card grade, I will send it as SIGN AND RETURN. Don't change the incorrect answers on this type of page. Answers can be corrected next to the incorrect answer or on a separate sheet of paper. These pages are used at conference time to examine areas of strength and weakness.

I look forward to our journey together as we teach your precious children. Please contact me with your questions and concerns by phone at 216-521-4115, via email at kostura@stmarkwestpark.com or by note through your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Megan Kostura