

# ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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## Principal's News

Welcome back everyone. With just about a month under our belt I believe everyone is finally getting accustomed to the every day schedule. The only adjustments I'd like to throw out there to parents is to try to get your lunch orders in by Thursday. Lunch forms go home on Monday's and should be returned on Thursday. Besides that, so far so good.

We still have a **couple of openings left in our Pre-K 3 yr. old program**. If you know of any family who may be interested, please let them know. I've always tried to reward any family who assists us in recruiting families to come here. Speaking of helping us out, I want to thank several parents (I'll be listing their names at a later date) who are assisting us out with both our lunch periods and After-School program. Having those extra hands and eyes makes all the difference in the world, especially when they are outside!

## Continued Principal News...



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Our *Cross-Country Team* is up and running thanks to both Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Bouthillette. We even started a Jayvee Team this year for students in Grades 4 & 5 to prepare them for next year. We also have other after-school programs as well up and running from *Art* and *Spanish Classes* to a *Chess Club* in the Middle School. Starting in November, Ms. Higg and Mrs. Vargas will once again begin the Tony Award winning *Drama Club!* And it looks like we finally will field a *Boy's Basketball Team* with the Catholic Athletic League (CAL). As for a Girls Team, we didn't get much of a turn-out to field a team.

**1st Quarter Progress Reports** are going home today. Please make sure you sign-off on them and have them returned to their teacher. We try to time those reports with the upcoming **Parent/Teacher Conference** this **Wednesday, October 2**. There is No School that day for students. Hopefully you have already set up a time to meet with your child's teacher to see how they are doing.



Next **Friday, October 4, Fr. Young** will be coming over to the school yard for **The Blessing of the Animals** starting at 8:15 that morning. Students can bring their pets to school that day but do remember they will have to go home before we start school.

And last but not least, we will be having our **Annual Flu Clinic** on **Tuesday, October 15** from **2:30-4:00** for both students and their families in the school auditorium. You can register online at [www.thewellcomp.com/school](http://www.thewellcomp.com/school) for forms or you can fill one out when you arrive.



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## Pre-K 3 & 4 News



We have been working hard this first month of school. We have become familiar with the established routines of the classroom, made new friends and we are enjoying the learning process. This month we focused on learning about the beach, getting to know each other, doing an author study of Laura Numeroff and learning about apples. We really enjoy our science times, making observations, discovering how things work and building our vocabulary.

In October, we are looking forward to the fall season, learning more about fire safety, discovering pumpkins and having some Halloween fun. We can't wait for our field trip to Pezza Farm at the end of the month and our annual costume parade! Please remember to get your Safe Environment training completed if you wish to volunteer with our classes this year!



## Kindergarten News



September has been busy in Kindergarten. We started our school year getting to know one another with our All About Me Bags. Children picked some of their favorite foods, toys, activities, and special pictures to bring in to show their new classmates. We came up with our classroom rules together as a class and talked about what it means to be Bucket Fillers. In math we learned about sorting by color, shape, and size and in Religion we learned about the Creation Story. We also began our Reading program and students began reading books and learning new sight words. It has been a great first month of school with a lot of learning and fun!



## First Grade News

Welcome back to school! We have accomplished a lot this month in first grade. We worked on short a and short i sounds in our reading groups and read the story Sam, Come Back and Pig in a Wig in our reading street books. We also had two spelling tests which we did a wonderful job on. In math, we reviewed concepts from Kindergarten as well as writing numbers, number words, and ordinal numbers. We had our first math test which made us very nervous but our class worked hard and did a great job. In writing, we are learning how to form sentences properly by using capital letters, punctuation and grammar. In religion, we learned about God's creation and that his love for us is infinite. As a class, we have been working on becoming kind and respectful students. We have already reached our first goal with our marble jar and the whole class earned stickers!



## Grade 2 News



The first month back to school has been an exciting time here in second grade! We have been having so much fun building a classroom community focused on kindness and adjusting to our daily routine and classroom expectations.

In Religion, we were able to kick off the year by learning about our classroom Patron Saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta. We celebrated her feast day at the beginning of the month through readings and activities, focusing on how we can do small things with great love, just like she did! We have also started discussing the Blessed Trinity and how we can be a Disciple of Jesus.

In Math, we have been working on our addition facts. We have been reviewing many methods that were learned in first grade, but also learning new methods that we will continue to use throughout the year.

In reading, we have been learning about different parts of a story. Along with our regular reading program, we have also been reading a chapter book as a class. We just finished up *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume, a favorite of both myself and the second graders! The class has also been enjoying learning about spelling-especially when we do a spelling review activity before our weekly spelling test!

Our first field trip of year will be on Monday, October 28th to Pezza Farm. We are so excited to do some fun fall activities such as pumpkin picking and going on a hayride!

I am so grateful for all the classroom donations I have received over the past few weeks. I cannot thank you enough for supporting our classroom! I am looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, October 2nd for parent/teacher conferences. I am so blessed to share the classroom with an amazing group of students and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year holds for us here in second grade!

## Third Grade News

We are all adjusting well to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We began the year spending time getting to know one another, especially as we welcomed two new students to our class. I have enjoyed learning about each and every one of my students!!

We have begun our reading program and so far have read a narrative poem, a fable, and a tall tale. After some creative brainstorming, our class had the opportunity to write their very own fable. The students also created a poem about losing electricity. They all did a wonderful job!

In Religion, we learned about our classroom Patron Saint which is St. Joseph. We also have been reading about Jesus' life and ministry. We discussed ways to live as his followers. The students also wrote their very own Back to School Blessings!

In Social Studies, we are learning map and globe skills.

Everyone can now label a compass rose. They also can identify the seven continents and the five oceans in the world.

In Science, we are studying the weather. We also have been watching videos and reading many non-fiction books that focus on all different types of wild weather.

I am so excited to continue the year with my awesome 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who love to learn! I look forward to seeing you all at Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## Fourth Grade News

Happy autumn and welcome back to Saint Paul School. I am very excited to share that the students are off to a great start while they "Reach for the Stars"- our classroom theme.

- We are learning about respect and love in religion and incorporating it into our daily lives.
- Our math studies are all about reviewing place value and setting a good foundation for the rest of the year.

- The students have been working on mini-projects about the New England Region, which they have begun to present to the class. They are also coming up with a Native American name to help immerse them in our study of the Woodland Indians. We will be visiting the Pequot Museum on Friday, October 11, to gain a better perspective on Native American culture.

- Finally, grades four and five have been investigating earth materials through the use of "mock rocks". They are enjoying learning about rocks and minerals and working as "geologists".

## Fifth Grade News

Welcome back! The first month of Grade 5 has flown by! We've been very busy during the month of September. We started our snack shop up again to help us pay for our exciting field trips. We are going to spend the day at the Pequot Museum in Connecticut on October 11th and our snack shop paid for the bus!

We will be sending our drama club information out in the upcoming weeks. Drama will begin on Tuesday, November 12th from 2:30-3:30pm. Looking forward to another great year with our 4th-8th graders!

Upcoming dates:

9/27 No school: Professional Day

10/2 No school: Parent/ Teacher Conferences

11/12: drama club begins!

## Sixth Grade News

**Skills-** The students are currently working on their unit two words. They will have their unit 2 test the week of October 7th. Their progress reports reflect the grade that the student received on the unit one test.

**Science-** Grade 6 is currently learning about the classification system, the six kingdoms, Carl Linnaeus, and the Dichotomy Key. They will be doing a hands-on lab that helps them better understand why scientists use a classification system. They will also be having a quiz the week of September 30 on classification. On October 9 the whole middle school will be going to planetary at Roger Williams Park. The field trip forms are due Friday, October 4th.

**Religion** class is currently covering the Second Account of Creation - the story of Adam and Eve, and humanity's turning away from God.

**Math-** has recently finished a section explaining the method used to add and subtract decimals.

**Social studies-** we have been learning about the relationship between geography and history. Ask your child what a "civilization" is, and what are the necessary steps for a civilization to form.

**Literature-** we have been reading *The Color of my Words*. Right now, the themes we have discussed are: in what ways do words have power? What would life be like without writing? How does the geography of the Dominican Republic effect the lives and culture of the people who live there?

## Seventh Grade News

**Skills-** The students are currently working on their unit two words. They will have their unit 2 test the week of October 7th. Their progress reports reflect the grade that the student received in the unit one test.

**Science-** In science, the students are learning about the sun, Earth, and moon relationship. They will be taking a quiz on the sun and Earth's relationship this week. Then we will move into the phases of the moon, how we have tides, and what eclipses are. On October 9 the whole middle school will be going to planetary at Roger Williams Park. The field trip forms are due Friday, October 4th.

**Religion** class is learning that God's Revelation of himself to his chosen people comes through the Bible and Tradition.

**Math** class has finished a study of the Metric System and the method by which conversions are achieved.

**Social studies** - we have been looking at the impact that interactions between different groups can have on global history. We have learned about the motivation behind trade and exploration at sea, how the Spanish succeeded in conquering Native American groups, and the impact of ideological movements on life and culture, such as the Renaissance.

**Literature-** we have been learning about the Protestant Reformation, the different branches of Protestant Christianity and what these specific groups believe, as well as the European and North American witch trials. Some major themes have been: intolerance, theocracy, and persecution.

## Eight Grade News

**Skills-** The students are currently working on their unit two words. They will have their unit 2 test the week of October 7th. Their progress reports reflect the grade that the student received in the unit one test.

**Science-** The students are learning about energy. Last week the students took a quiz on the different forms of energy which is reflected as part of their grade in the progress report. This week we are going over how energy is transferred from one form to another and also we are learning about the Law of Conservation of



Energy. On October 9 the whole middle school will be going to planetary at Roger Williams Park. The field trip forms are due Friday, October 4th.

**Religion** class is learning that Jesus teaches that the way to live out God's Commandments is by actively expressing the Beatitudes through our actions. By performing these actions, we will achieve true happiness.

**Math** class has finished a review of using the four basic math operations with integers.

**Social Studies** - we have been looking at the nation after the War of 1812, and the impact of the Industrial Revolution. We have traced and discussed the ways in which both Northern and Southern economy were dependent on the institution of slavery, and will soon be exploring more of the social and technological changes that will occur in the antebellum United States.

**Literature**- students have been engaging with Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women." This is a coming of age story that is set during a time in history in which girls and women did not have many options outside of domestic work. Major themes discussed have been: identifying personal burdens, personal growth and character development, productivity, poverty, social class, gender roles, gender division, and general issues that arise as young people "grow up."