

January 23, 2012

Dear Parents,

Report cards will be sent home Friday. Please note that the content taught in the first quarter was partly review and the work gets progressively harder as the year continues. In the subject of penmanship (handwriting) students were assessed on cursive in addition to manuscript.

As we start the third quarter, you will start to notice more paragraphs written in class. This is our "Step- Up to Writing" program that has a set formula for paragraph writing. Each paragraph has a certain format that is followed. You will see these marked on the bottom of the page. We are also working on writing interesting sentences, but my main focus this quarter is the structure of the paragraph.

Inside the Monday Folder is a rough draft for an essay we are working on in class. It is for Catholic Schools Week. I have a draft copy and I sent home all the brainstorming papers.

Catholic Schools Week begins with a Mass on Sunday, January 29, at 9:30am followed by Open House. Students are asked to wear their uniforms. This year the students will be sitting together with you and your family.

The topic for the third quarter book report is a Newberry Award or Honor. The report will not be due until March but I wanted to let you know the topic. These types of books tend to be a bit longer and getting a head start would be a good idea. Please remember, your child must get the book checked with me.

Important Dates

Wednesday, January 25-Math Test- Topic 10

Friday, January 27 – Report Cards

Sunday, January 29 – Catholic Schools Week begins with 9:30am Mass
Open House- 10:30-noon

Inside the Monday Folder

Listed Below is the work that should be in the Monday Folder from **Ms.**

Langridge, Miss Costa, and any specialized teacher. Any work that is not in the folder is missing.

- Handwriting- p. 81-82, 83-84
- Spelling- pretest corrections, p. 79-80, 81-82 test
- English- p. 61, 62-63
- Math- p. 115-116, 117-118, 121-122
- Reading- picture vocab, test-**Please sign and return**
- Writing- rough drafts for CSW essay
- Science- p. 73, 74, Kidspiration project
- Social Studies- test-**Please sign and return**

Thank you for all your cooperation,

Mrs. Langridge

