

Star of the Sea Catholic School

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March will be a quick month! We are busy preparing for Student Led Conferences, then Spring Break! We are learning about Light and Sound, and Lent in the classroom.

Busy MARCH Days in Grade One! Please add these important dates to your schedules!

March 10- Progress Reports Come Home

March 11- Student Led Conferences (pre-book on line!)

March 14- 29- Spring Break!!

March 30- Back to school!

Student Led Conferences – Wednesday, March 111h

We're looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, March 11th at your child's Student Led Conference! Students will attend school (in **uniform!**) for their specified time slot only. Each conference should take approximately 20-30 minutes, and it is really your child's chance to shine and show you their awesome work, so you are encouraged to leave younger siblings at home. Please know that there will be several conferences going on at the same time in the classroom, so some patience and sharing of space may be necessary. Please return your WHITE FOLDER and ENVELOPE!

Scholastic Book Orders- DUE March 4th.

Thanks for your continued support of this program, as your purchases allow us to choose free books for the classroom- and we have bought many books for the home reading baskets. Should you like to order any books this month, please return any orders/monies by **Wednesday, March 4**th.

Weekly Website Updates

Please be reminded that we update our websites each Monday, including reminders for the week and the week's <u>spelling words</u>. <u>Notices</u> and the Monthly <u>Home Reading Bingo</u> game can also be found there. Check us out at: <u>Mrs.Bouvier.weebly.com</u> and <u>Mrs.JaquelineThomson.weebly.com</u>.

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Planting Potatoes

Agriculture B.C. has an exciting classroom opportunity entitled "Spuds in Tubs"- and completely for free, have provided soil, tubs and seed potatoes for our classes. We will plant the potatoes after Spring Break, and care for the plants until harvest in June. We are thrilled that our classes were selected (in November) to participate, as only 100 classes in all of B.C. qualify for this wonderful opportunity. Let the growing begin!

Curriculum Notes:

Religion- focusing on the events of Holy Week; Good Friday is April 10th, Easter is April 12th.

Math- identifying Odd / Even numerals; after Spring Break: Measurement (cm) & Place Value.

 Addition/ Subtraction to/from 20 (using a number-line, fingers, "touch math", counters)

<u>Reading</u>- students should be reading faster, and more smoothly (this is called reading fluency). There should

be less reliance on sounding every word out, and an increased repertoire of easily read words.

Retelling the story and answering "comprehension" questions is essential to good reading skills.

<u>Sight Words</u>- students should be able to read ALL FIVE levels by June! Push to the end! You can do it!

<u>Writing</u>- students will be expected to print two "connected" sentences, with punctuation

Spelliing- We are on week 7; Spelling continues into June (week 16) In April, 3 sentences are expected.

Have a wonderful and restful Spring Break!

Mrs. A. Bouvier

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