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Dear Parents,

Language Arts- Third graders in both classes are collaborating to develop SFA's 2nd annual Book Swap. This service project and learning experience is a way for students to share books that were once loved with others, with the reward of receiving someone else's cherished books. Children from all grades will receive one "Book Buck" for each book they brought in. In the past, the students were extremely generous and brought in additional books to donate to local charities and the school. This project will be very stimulating, as the students will learn firsthand the concepts of bartering, trading, and perhaps most importantly, serving others and sharing loved books with other students and the community. They are very eager to play a role in organizing books into the appropriate genre, and working at the book swap to help other students choose someone else's cherished books.

As we conclude our money unit in language arts the children were enthralled to learn facts about money and how it is made in our country, how other children their age make and share their money, and most importantly explore the idea that money doesn't always make us happy. As a class, we have come to the realization that there are other things in our lives that we certainly cherish more than money.

Math - Although we are moving on to measurement, time, and geometry in math class we will continually review and practice the math skills that we have previously learned this year. Please continue to study multiplication and division at home in order to help increase the automaticity of these facts. As we progress in our math skills, students will encounter more rigorous problem solving questions. We will work on developing strategies to help us solve such problems and become confident in our ability to solve challenging problems.



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Religion- Our Lenten journey has helped us become more faithful to the Gospel. We have been focusing on the Easter Triduum as well as each of the Stations of the Cross and constructed mobiles outlining each of the Stations of the Cross.



Science and Social Studies- April will be an exciting month of experiments and hands on activities. In science, we are becoming meteorologists and will investigate the water cycle and learn about clouds.

As always, feel free to contact me via e-mail if you have any questions or concerns. I wish everyone a wonderful month, a blessed Easter, and an exciting spring vacation!

Miss Giroux





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