



## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

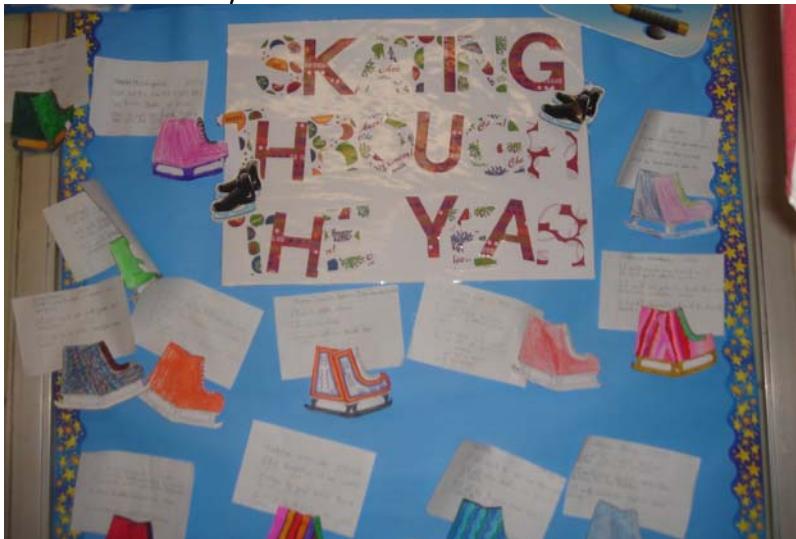
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Dear Parents,

As we settle into the New Year, it is a great time to take stock of your child's progress so far this school year. By now your child has settled into the year and you can, with your child, set goals for the remainder of the school year. This simple process can be a positive difference in the quality of your child's learning experiences. There is still plenty of time to put forth extra effort, set goals and make the remainder of the year a fantastic learning time! We set a few goals to help us "Skate through the New Year." Make sure you check them out!



### Catholic Schools Week



3G and 3B will be very busy this week! We will participate in the penny game each morning, so make sure your children bring in their pennies (and silver to add to the competitor jars)! Third grade will also be running the "Souper Bowl," a service project that will encourage students at SFA to donate soup for families in need. We will practice multiplication skills as we count and group all these cans that the school receives!

Tuesday is Special Person's Day, and the students are very excited to share lunch, a Chinese New Year Ribbon Dance, and a special Valentine with their family members.

On Thursday, 3B and 3G will be having a special Pajama Day/Fractured Fairy Tale Celebration. There will not be any homework on this day in honor of Student Appreciation Day, which is on Friday this year.

Friday is our family liturgy. I look forward to seeing you there!



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### Math

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/cathymath.html>

The students really enjoy using this program to see if they can become a "Math Magician" by completing all twenty problems in one minute! They can work on multiplication and division facts. Congratulations to the students who accomplished their goal and have finished all their facts!



### Language Arts

As we conclude our unit on Imagination, we have been discussing the characteristics of fairy tales, reading some fractured fairy tales, and the students are currently writing their own fractured fairy tale. We are moving on to a unit on Money. The students will surely love this unit as they will become money experts and will learn first hand the concept of bartering during the book swap.



### Religion

Our service project, **200 Acts of Kindness**, has been such a success! Third Grade has really been going above and beyond to help others in need without being asked. Please continue to encourage your children to help others. I love hearing about all the wonderful things they are doing at home to be helpful, caring, and cooperative. I think we can go above and beyond 200 Acts of Kindness! This project extends until February vacation, so keep sending in those stars!



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### Science

The students will really enjoy becoming geologists. We will be learning about the earth's features, weathering, erosion, and how rocks change. We are now studying the different types of rocks; igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary. The students will be able to experiment with these rocks and classify them.



### Social Studies

We will be studying the different Presidents in honor of our upcoming holiday; President's Day. We also address current events as we read the articles in our Weekly Reader and will continue our study on the history of Massachusetts. Last month, we focused on the Revolutionary War and the many important events from this time that occurred right here in the state of Massachusetts. The students showed how much they learned by making wonderful mobiles that outline some of the major events and people they learned about.



### Valentine's Day



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**We will have a Valentine's Day celebration on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. If your child chooses to bring in valentines, please make sure there is one for everyone in our classroom. Thank you!**

It is that time of year! Any tissue and baby wipe donations would be very helpful!

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

Miss Giroux