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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and restful spring vacation. We have so many exciting activities in the month of May that support our curriculum! Fourth grade is approaching quickly and we will be beginning to focus heavily on content area skills as we get ready to transition from the learning to read stage to the more rigorous demands of fourth grade content!

Math

Please make sure that your child continues to study multiplication and division facts every night. We are still aiming to increase our speed and automaticity with these facts! This will be beneficial when we begin double digit multiplication and furthermore, long division next year.



We are also completing our unit on measurement sense. There has been a great sense of exploration as students found themselves measuring all sorts of things around the classroom. As the unit comes to a close, I have noticed some students have difficulty telling time with analog clocks and figuring out elapsed time. Please encourage the use of analog clocks at home so they can apply these skills they're learning in their everyday lives. Through the continuity of "time" language at home and at school, they will more likely grasp this concept. Throughout the month of May we will focus on geometry and fractions. The picture displays our bulletin



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board that we created ourselves. We measured our height in inches and then made a bar graph using flowers to show how much third graders are blooming!

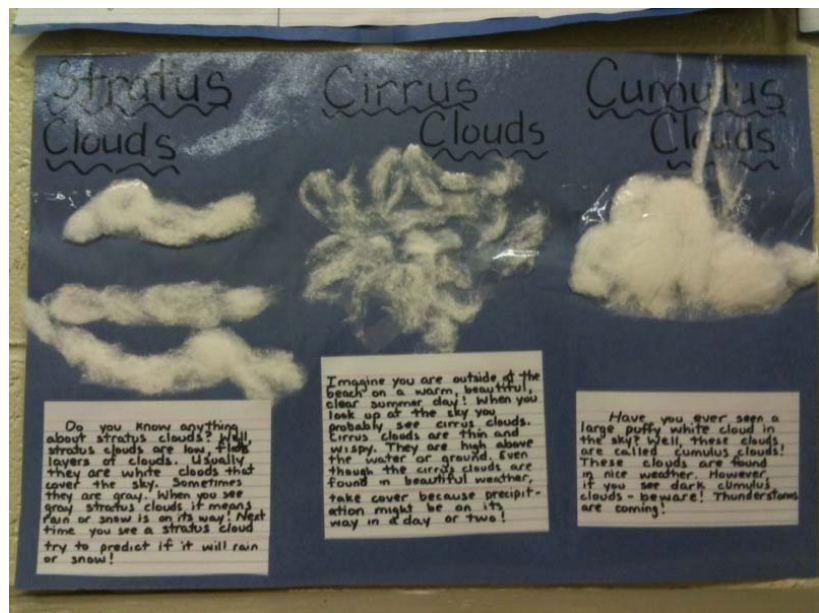
Language Arts

We will be continuing with our Storytelling Unit. An important part of storytelling is oral history. I encourage you to share your family stories and history at home!

The students will incorporate this reading unit with writing. The children are certainly continuing to develop their ability to write with great voice, sentence fluency, ideas, and word choice. We will continue to use mentor texts and strategies to help develop our writing.

Science and Social Studies

We will continue to explore our state, but we will be focusing mainly on Boston and Massachusetts government. We just finished an exciting week full of science. We were able to learn about how electricity works, ways to stay safe with electricity, explore a BELD truck, and even watch Miss Craven ascend to about 50 feet high in the bucket! We were also captivated by Mike Francis, Stargazer's Apprentice, as he used so many interesting tools to describe our galaxy. We have also concluded our unit on the water cycle.



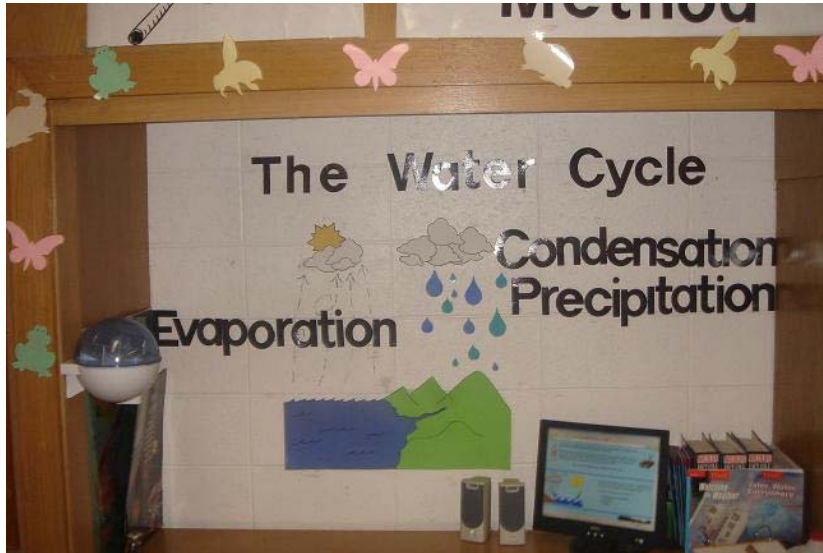


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Religion

In May we will be focusing on the Ten Commandments and the Greatest Commandment. Through this, we will become more conscious of trying to live by these laws in our everyday lives. We will also be taking the time to celebrate the 50 faithful years St. Francis has been open!





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As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. ☺ ~ Miss Giroux

The following calendar highlights some important days in 3G this May!



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MAY IN 3G

| M | T | W | T | F | S | S |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|--|----|----|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 *3G Dress Down *Italian/Spanish Fair | 5 | 6 | 7 *SFA Book Swap *Noon Dismissal | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 *3G Favorite Hat Day *Book Fair | 12 *Book Fair | 13 *Book Fair *Ascension Thursday-8:45 Liturgy | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 *3G Dress Down Day | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 *3G No Homework Day! | 26 *Moving Up Day | 27 | 28 *May Crowning Mass | 29 | 30 |
| 31 *Memorial Day- No School | | | | | | |