



St. Francis School  
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# The Third Grade Classroom Newsletter

## FYI/Upcoming Events:

- Third and sixth grade students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test September 14, 15 and 16. We will take 3 tests each morning, including lots of breaks. There are nine tests, with each test taking about 10 minutes. Our daily schedule will be modified to accommodate our testing schedule. Mrs. Heckle has been working with the kids on test-taking strategies: filling in bubbles, eliminating incorrect answers, choosing the best answer, tracking answers on answer sheet.
- Living History Farms field trip on Wednesday, September 30. Don't forget sack lunches and healthy drinks. Students may wear dress code shirts with jeans.
- No school on September 21.

## Religion

- FBC Trait is Respect
- Focus on our Church as a community

## Writing

- Mini-Lesson this week: Commas in a Series
- Personal Narratives

## Spelling

- Week Four Skills: Long e (Ce, y, ey) & /z/ Sound of s (capital C stands for consonant)

## Reading/Comprehension

- Distinguishing between fiction and nonfiction books
- "Buzzing" with peers about your thinking during reading

## Social Studies

- Where communities originate
- Map Skills
- Test on Friday, September 18

## Math

- The focus is finding the place and value of a number
- Numbers to the hundred thousands
- Math test on Thursday, September 17

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