



# AT A GLANCE



St. Francis School  
West Des Moines

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Issue 2

## The Third Grade Classroom Newsletter

### FYI/Upcoming Events:

- No school on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.
- Students can show their spirit by wearing a shirt of their favorite football team on Wednesday, September 9. They need to be in dress code pants.
- The students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test the week of September 14. Mrs. Heckle has been working with the kids on test-taking strategies.
- Living History Farms field trip on Wednesday, September 30. No school on September 21.
- Please make sure to go through your child's assignment notebook with them before you sign it☺.

### Religion

- FBC Trait is Respect
- Focus on creation and our responsibilities as humans

### Spelling

- Week Three Skills: Long a (ai, ay, eigh) and hard and soft c and g

### Social Studies

- Discussing a community's customs and cultures
- Communities have histories
- Information about Living History Farms Field Trip coming home.

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### Writing

- Working on personal narratives in writer's workshop
- Mini-Lesson this week: Ending punctuation

### Reading/Comprehension

- Establishing Guided Reading routines
- Comprehension Strategy – Checking for Understanding

### Math

- The focus is finding the place and value of a number
- Comparing and ordering numbers
- Please continue to work on the basic facts with your kids

**Thanks for your  
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