



St. Francis School  
West Des Moines

September 9, 2011

## The Third Grade Classroom Newsletter

### FYI/Upcoming Events:

- It was great seeing everyone at Back-to-School Night.
- Third and sixth grade students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test September 12, 13 and 14. 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.
- Friday, September 16 is a Mission Jeans Day. This will be a first practice in using the Monthly Stewardship sheet.

### Religion

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

### Writing

- Mini-Lesson this week: Ending Punctuation
- Personal Narratives

### Spelling

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

### Reading/Comprehension

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

### Social Studies

- Where communities originate
- Map Skills

### Math

- The focus is finding the place and value of a number
- Numbers to the hundred thousands

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