

April 2019

Dear Parents and Families:

Well, the year is moving right along! Here we are in April already! The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and soon we'll be swatting mosquitos and mowing the lawn. Good times!

We will be administering the NWEA and STAR tests during this month. These tests provide us with valuable information in order to identify areas of need with the students. In short, they let us know the academic areas that we need to focus on in order to ensure mastery. Remember to get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast on the morning of these important tests.

In our Reading curriculum, we've been spending more time on whole-class instruction to complement the independent nature of our Daily 5 routines. I think the common reading and comprehension activities are serving the students well.

We're really moving along with our Math as well. Fractions can be a confusing subject for third graders, so anything you can do at home to help your child understand "parts of a whole" and "equal shares" would help greatly. It's funny how a kid will suddenly understand fractions when comparing it to sharing a pizza!

Our Religion studies have, of course, been quite interesting and thought-provoking, and will continue to be at the center of our

daily education routines. This is a wonderful time of year to reflect on our blessings as Children of God!

Don't forget, the **Sacred Heart Marathon** is coming up on **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00**, so work on getting those pledges! Also, **Easter Break** will be from April 18-22. Enjoy that time with your family!

All the Best,

Mr. Chris Dahle

P.S.: Take some time to get outside and witness the new life that comes with Spring. Look for the buds on the trees, the birds foraging for food, and the fresh sprouts of grass in the yard. Plant a garden!

