



**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

**Thank you to all the parents who attended the Open House. It was lovely to meet you. The Parent Surveys were very informative and we seem to be in agreement that the children have had an excellent start to the year. For our birthday celebration this month, the students would like to watch a Halloween movie with popcorn, in class.**

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- **Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night**
- **Students are expected to complete 20 - 30 minutes of homework every night. This can consist of revision of classwork, working on projects and finishing classwork.**
- **All students have signed into Google Classroom. I will post weekly assignments and notifications, as needed.**
- **Spelling lists should be studied every night.**
- **Please sign the homework planners every day.**  
**Students are encouraged to use their planners as educational tools, noting any homework tasks, projects and work due. They are also useful for communication between home and school.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **October 2 - Kodiak cross-country race**
- **October 11 - School Mass @ 0900am**
- **October 14 - Thanksgiving Day - no school**
- **October 24 - Parent-Teacher Interviews (5.30-8.30pm)**
- **October 25 - Parent-Teacher Interviews (0830-1200pm)**
- **October 29 - Birthday Movie**
- **October 31 - Halloween dress-up day**

## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:

**MATH** - Word problems with integers; multiplying & dividing integers; variables and expressions; mixed numbers & improper fractions. Students will have regular quizzes to test concepts. We also use Math Minute worksheets to reinforce and consolidate basic skills.

**SOCIAL STUDIES** - Ancient Civilizations Inquiry Project. Students continue to work on researching one ancient civilization. Projects and presentations are due the week of October 15th

**READING** - "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle. Students will complete a novel study with reading comprehension and vocabulary activities. There are weekly chapter questions to complete and students engage in whole group reading in class.

**WRITING** - Journal writing, writing paragraphs, short story writing, spelling, grammar.

**RELIGION** - We will be choosing from a list of saints and exploring their lives. We are also writing class prayers (with assistance from Fr. Matthew).

**ART** - Papier-mache models, sculpting, learning to build an armature, chalk pastels.

**SCIENCE - Chemistry - learning about atoms, molecules and changing matter.**

**Have a fun Halloween!**

**Jean Garcia** 😊