Week of Sept. 30, 2019

**Third Grade News**

**Picture Retakes:** Retakes will be taken on Monday, Sept, 30. If you want your child to retake their picture, please have them bring the original pictures back to school. They should wear the Green SMS sweater or sweater - no hoodie sweatshirts.

**School Mass, Friday, October 4th:** Our class will be leading the 8:30 am mass this Friday. Each student will have a responsibility at this mass. Students must wear FULL uniform and not P.E. uniforms for mass day.

**Progress Reports:** Progress reports for T1 will be going home on Friday, October 4th.

**Family Life Book:** The school will start teaching Family Life. You received a copy of the Parent Connection booklet at back to school night. This book contains the topics that will be covered.

*Please remember to email me AND Michelle Webster at the office if your child will be absent for any reason.*

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**Monday, Oct. 14** - No School. Columbus Day Holiday

**Friday, October 25** - SMS Eagle Run School Event

**Thursday, Oct. 31** - 12:15 Dismissal.

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**Phonics:** Our spelling words for this week will focus on words that have the short e sound. For grammar this week, we will focus on regular plural nouns. We will also
study a group of words in our Wordly Wise workbook using context clues to find their meanings.

**ELA:** We will introduce the term *fluency* as a reading superpower. They will learn key vocabulary related to fluency: *phrasing, rate, punctuation, and expression*. The students will have an opportunity to read aloud an excerpt from *Thank You, Mr. Falker* to practice their phrasing, rate, punctuation, and expression.

**Math:** We will continue our unit on representing and interpreting data using a variety of graphs and tables: *tally table, frequency table, horizontal bar graph, line plot, picture graph and a vertical bar graph*.

**Religion:** We will begin our Family Life Book. This week we focus on *God’s Gift of Family*: belonging to a family means that you receive love and have what you need to live a healthy and holy life.

**Science:** Students will learn how people create new breed of animals by selecting individuals breeds with desirable traits.

**Social Studies:** Students will describe national identities, religious beliefs, customs and folklore traditions of various California American Indians. They will learn how local American Indian nations adapted to their natural environment. Students will trace the community development of Long Beach and learn about American hero, Pocahontas.