

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

I hope this message finds you well. We just left chapel, and I felt like it was a more of an appropriate time to do my update. Each day I have with your children at St. Richard's School is truly a blessing. I cannot imagine a more rewarding environment, and I thank you for sending them to be in our care.

I led chapel today for Chaplain Grace, and we talked about "judging a book by its cover." I showed the children a few examples of books that fit the quote, and then we read The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin. Please see the below description from Amazon.com if you are interested in this title, and visit <http://www.spookley.com/> for some kids' coloring pages and activities.

Many of you are aware that the ISACS team visited St. Richard's School last week. It was an amazing experience, and it confirmed all of the wonderful efforts occurring in the school. Our faculty was praised, and the team members actually noted that they would like to return for our next accreditation process in seven years. We now look ahead to open house, and we thank all of you for helping with these efforts.

As I walked down the hallways yesterday I noticed everything from our PK4 students learning the letter G to our Grade 2 students anxiously awaiting the arrival of goldfish. You would also be impressed to see how collaborative our teachers with other grade levels. Miss Read and Ms. Malooley's classes are studying ponds together, and they are taking a group field trip next week. We have buddies within Grades 1, 3, and 8, and I constantly see teachers sharing ideas as to how they can make connections outside of their classrooms.

If you have not signed your up for movie night, please do so by tomorrow. If your child will be staying through aftercare, please pack a sack dinner for them to eat at 5:40 in the cafeteria with the aftercare staff. **Movie night will promptly start at 6:00, and we kindly ask that you pick your children up from the Fortune Room at 7:30. Please use the back doors to do this.**

Make it a great week!

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The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin with CD (Hardcover) by [Joe Troiano](#) (Author), [Susan Banta](#)