

Monday, October 20

Greetings! I think teachers and students are looking forward to a longer weekend and shorter week, and we can finally take a breath before heading into the holiday season.

We had seventy-five students attend movie night on Friday. I would like to thank the following teachers for helping with the event and giving up their Friday night after a busy week: Ms. Pritchard, Miss Graber, Mrs. Diedrich, Mrs. Eiszner, and Miss Read.

The students in Grades 3 and 4 did a wonderful job reciting poems for Friday's assembly. It was very entertaining to have James Whitcomb Riley attend our school☺

We are busy planning for a mock election for students in kindergarten through Grade 4 on Monday, November 3. The following parents have graciously agreed to help with this event: Emily Burke, Sandy Papageorge, Tatiana Foroud, and Jennifer Gal. We will send out a voter registration form next week, and these will be due on Friday, October 31.

I would also like to thank the following parents for providing appetizers at our ISACS reception: Marlene Marchesani, Judy Woods, Kris Parmalee, Lorraine Vavul. Mrs. Malone also kindly created gift baskets for the team members. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity.

Several teachers and I will be participating in an Everyday Math training session tomorrow from 8:10-11:30. We are excited to have an opportunity for our teachers new to St. Richard's to receive the training; our other teachers will have a question and answer time with the Everyday Math representative.

We are looking forward to a special day on Tuesday, November 25 when we celebrate Grandparent and Special Friend Day. Students in PK3-Grade 8 are invited to have a grandparent or special friend attend a designated part of the day and enjoy chapel and a classroom visit. This year, as noted on our school calendar, school will be dismissed at 12:15. Students may also leave early with their grandparents or special friends provided parents send in a note to the classroom teacher giving permission for this to occur. If the guests have children in multiple grade levels, the Fortune Room will serve as a "break room," and the Parent Organization will provide light refreshments. We are not requesting an RSVP this year. If your child does not have a grandparent or special friend to invite, please let me know.

## Grandparent and Special Friend Day Schedule for Tuesday, November 25

### Lower Division (PK3-Kindergarten)

8:15-8:40 Trinity Church Chapel  
8:45-9:15 Individual Classrooms Classroom time

### Lower Division (Grades 1-4)

9:45-10:15 Trinity Church Chapel  
10:20-10:50 Individual Classrooms Classroom time

### Middle Division (Grades 5-8)

11:15-11:40 Trinity Church Chapel  
11:45-12:15 Individual Classrooms Classroom time

Have trouble explaining the difference between tattling and when a child should notify a teacher? Try out this week's book selection:

[Don't Squeal Unless It's a Big Deal: A Tale of Tattletales](#) (Paperback)  
by [Jeanie Franz Ransom](#) (Author), [Jackie Urbanovic](#) (Illustrator)

### From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 2—The piggies in Mrs. McNeal's class learn the difference between tattling and informing an adult in an emergency. After enduring a morning of students "squealing" on one another, the teacher explains that kids should try to work out their kid-sized problems themselves, but they should seek help when a more serious situation arises. When Mrs. M. falls down, the children take the appropriate action and call for help. Although the plot is contrived and the ending abrupt, readers will recognize the familiar-sounding accusations. The brightly colored cartoons are on target and add a touch of humor to the didactic text. A concluding note discusses common reasons why children tattle as well as ways to turn these episodes into teachable moments by using problem-solving skills. This book may be helpful for teachers and parents who need to deal with this particular nuisance.—*Martha Simpson, Stratford Library Association, CT*

Make it a GREAT WEEK!

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