

Hello Santa Rosa de Lima Families,

Happy November! Thank you to all the families who volunteered and donated to Trunk-or-Treat. I have heard how wonderful the evening was. I would also like to thank the Parent Board and my staff for all their hard work in making this evening happen. We are truly blessed as a school to have such dedicated individuals.

The Knights of Columbus Chapter here at the Santa Rosa de Lima is holding a special raffle for a large 55 inch TV and a Nintendo Switch. The money raised from this fundraiser is going toward eighth grade scholarships and to help several needy families in our parish. Please help the Knights of Columbus with this fundraiser, as it is helping our own students.

In 2020, the WASC re-visiting committee will be coming to our campus. As part of the process, the school must send out a parent survey. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it back to your child's teacher.

There are new immunization requirements starting on January 1, 2019 for all students. A letter has been sent home to those students who will be impacted by this law. Please discuss this with your child's pediatrician when your child has their annual physical.

I want to focus on the topic of fundraisers in this month's letter. Santa Rosa de Lima school has a variety of fundraisers on campus. Each fundraiser has a specific purpose. The fundraisers fall into three main categories: Fundraiser Friday, Sunday Mass/Taco Sales, and the school's major fundraisers.

Fundraiser Friday: Each Friday, a different class or group, sells some type of special treat at recess and then some type of lunch after school. The money raised from these Friday Fundraisers goes directly to the classroom or group. The money used will pay for field trips and supplementals the teacher will need throughout the year. Money also raised during Trunk-or-Treat will also be put into each classrooms fund.

Taco Sales: Each month the school sells tacos and other items on the same day as our Sunday Family Mass. The money raised from these sells is currently helping 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students go to Washington D.C. in April.

Candy Sales, Casino Night, and Color Fun Run: These three main fundraisers are to help with the general running of the school. It is extremely important that each of these events is successful. Between these three events, the school needs to raise approximately \$75,000 dollars. The candy sale is going well and at this point the school will make \$7770.00. Our goal is \$10,000 for the candy sale. The Casino Night will be the school's biggest fundraiser this year. With the help of all families, the school could reach its goal of \$35,000. Please look for information coming from the Casino committee. The final fundraiser is the Color Fun Run. This prayer/jog-a-thon will need to raise the remaining balance.

It is important to also explain that as the school is now part of the church, the church's finance committee may have influence as to how the school raises funds to meet the financial needs of the school. Therefore, it is extremely important that we make our goals this year.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving,

Mrs. Tammy Becker

TK

I would like to thank everyone for helping with Trunk-Or-Treat, all the kids had a great time and we all enjoyed ourselves. October was full of activities that all the students enjoyed. Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Costume Drive, Trunk-or-Treat, and School Families!

This month I would like to congratulate Christopher G. and Aliyah M. for being motivated learners, always eager to participate and work towards personal growth, and apply their skills learned in real life situations.

Next month we will celebrate All Saint Mass.

In religion, students will each receive a Saint and in class we will talk about who are Saints and what makes each one of them special. We will also learn about the Creation Story and make a special class project. In Reading, students are learning how different stories have elements that are fantasy and real. We will read different fairytales in class and to discuss fantasy and realism. TK is also having fun learning different rhymes each week and identifying letters they have learned before in them and remembering the order of events. TK is still working hard in identifying all of their alphabet letter and their sounds, as well as identifying pictures that begin with the given letter. This month students will focus on letters Ll, Mm, Nn, and Oo. In math, students are learning how to identify numbers 1-10, how to write numbers 1-10, how to count form 1-10. In science students are learning about the seasons and weather We will learn all about our weather and seasons and how they affect us. Here are the topics we will learn about:

- What weather is
- Types of weather (day-to-day and severe)
- How the sun affects us and our weather
- Ways to measure and observe weather
- How the weather controls many things that we do and how we live
- The seasons.

We will begin a new Social Studies unit called Then and Now. Here are some of the important things we will learn about:

- Past, present, and future
- How people lived long ago
- What life was like long ago
- Homes, clothing, food, transportation, school and jobs long ago
- How our lives are different today.

At the end of the unit, we will be “churning” butter, just like they did long ago!

Kindergarten would like to thank all of our amazing Room Parents for their hard work in preparing for Trunk-Or-Treat! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Diaz as she helped to organize and coordinate all the donations and sign ups! Also, a big thank you to all our Kindergarten families for coming out to support and donate to our class. Thank you for your commitment to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten's Students of the Month are Camilla Gallardo and Alex Palacios. These students are excellent examples of SLE #2. Camilla and Alex are academic Warriors in all that they do. They both give their consistent best effort in all that they learn. They both are striving to put all they learn into action. Well done Camilla and Alex!

October is the month of the Rosary. It has been an amazing experience watching the students as they share their personal and family rosaries. We continue to learn about the stories of Jesus and Mary as we hear about the mysteries and practice our prayers. Our Rosary books are really a work of love and I can hardly wait for our families to see how much hard work and thought have gone into making them.

SLE #2 has been our class focus this month as we have been striving to be academic Warriors! In November we will learn about being responsible Warriors. Additionally, I am very much looking forward to celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls Day!

In Reading we continue to work on our alphabet review. We are practicing identifying and writing letters. Additionally, we are identifying objects that begin with the initial sound of each letter. Please be sure to complete the reading log that is included in your child's homework packet as it is very important to read with your child each night. As you read, ask your child to read their New Words in the text you read at home. In November I will assess Kindergarten and their ability to read the words we have learned so far. These words will aide in your child's reading growth. It is important to practice them each day. We have been reading informational text selections pertaining to families in the classroom. Additionally, we have read *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Little Red Hen*. In these stories, we have focused on the beginning, middle, and end of each story. Additionally, we continue to practice identifying the main characters, setting, problem, and solution of each story. Kindergarten loves retelling stories!

This month we have been learning about punctuation marks and how our voice sounds when we read them. We have begun to write basic sentences using our new words and illustrating our ideas. Our introduction to nouns has gotten off to a great start and we will continue to learn about nouns as people, places, and things. Next, we will add adjectives to our language lessons! We have spent this month learning about how we can sort objects by attributes. We have been working hard exploring shapes with our table partners as we look at real world objects and think about how they might be sorted. Kindergarten continues to count everything we can find. We love to sing about how there are ten groups of ten in 100. We continue to practice counting to 100 using an abacus. In November we will begin to look at the attributes of solid shapes and pattern construction.

In Social Studies we have spent the month celebrating our very special families. We have learned and shared many ways we can make a difference in our families. We have learned about the importance of every family member and how important our school family is as well. Next, in Social Studies we will learn about getting along with others.

STEM days continue to be very exciting in our classroom. Kindergarten loves experiments! This month we focused on density. Using oil, water, and food coloring the students were able to observe first hand what happens when something has more density than another. Kindergarten loved the reaction of food coloring and the large droplets that dispersed like lava lamps. Their observation logs were spectacular as they truly were able to show what they learned.

We have concluded our unit on senses. Next, we will learn about the needs plants and animals have.

Thank you for your help in making sure Kindergarten homework is completed weekly. and turned in on time. Please continue to check your child's folder each night for important assignments and information that may come home. Kindergarten is looking forward to giving more thanks in November!

November Notes from 1st Grade

In October, First Grade learned addition and subtraction facts to sums of 12. In science, students explored different animal and plant parts along with being able to describe how animals and plants sense their environment. In social studies, students learned the importance of rules. We closed the month with our Trunk-or-Treat event, and I want to thank my room parents and all the parents who helped put together such a wonderful event.

In the month of November, First Grade will continue learning their subtraction facts and problem-solving skills along with mastering their number words to the number 100. In science, students will explore how plants and animals take in food, air, water, and light. In social studies, students will learn the importance of the people who work at a school, learn how to be good helpers at school, and learn how to use a map. In English language arts, students will be able to identify the sequence of events of a story and apply it to their writing skills as well. Please remember to continue reading to your child every night for at least 15 minutes.

Students of the Month:

This month's students of the month exemplified "**SLE 2 Academic**", by demonstrating that they were "motivated learners who work towards personal growth and apply their skills to real life situations."

Valeria M

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Kind Regards,

Mr. Legaspi

2nd Grade Notes for October

October was a fun filled month in Second Grade. In Math we worked on number sense (place value, expanded form, rounding, odd/even numbers, greater than, less than, and/or equal numbers). In reading we finished our Unit 1 stories and started Unit 2. Our Phonics focus was on consonant blends and word endings. We also worked on Beginning, Middle, and End stories about Halloween. In addition, students will be working on their Saint Projects for Religion in preparation for All Saints Day. In Science, we will continue working on living and non-living things, but in addition we will also start discussing different plant and animal habitats. Furthermore, we will continue to expand on the topic of Community in Social Studies. We will be focusing on rural, urban, and suburban communities. Thank you, Second Grade Parents, for helping the kiddos out with their Hispanic Heritage Month Projects. I can't wait to see how the Saint Projects turn out. Thank you to all the parents that helped during Trunk-or-Treat. The kiddos and I appreciate everything you do for our class.

My students of the month who are living examples of SLE #2 ACADEMIC are the following:

- Mariana: Mariana is an enthusiastic learner. She puts effort into all tasks given to her and completes the tasks with quality in mind.
- Jacob Z.: Jacob Z. is extremely motivated, and always puts his best effort into classroom assignments. He enjoys reading and sharing what he has learned with his classmates.

Third Grade!

I would like to congratulate our students of the month Erick L and Angel L. They have soared in SLE 2 which is academics. 3rd grade parents did a great job at Trunk-or-Treat. Thank you for all your help and everything you do for our 3rd grade class. All Saints Day will be happening on November 1st. I cannot wait to see which Saint 3rd graders dress up as.

For the month of November, we are taking a field trip to the Natural History Museum with 2nd grade. Students will be able to get some hands-on experience with some extinct animals.

For Religion this month, we will be starting Unit 2. Students will learn how God is great and good. Students will be able to understand why we believe in God and how he is powerful and loving.

As for Math, we will be wrapping up subtraction and heading into multiplication. Following the complete of multiplication, students will have strengthened their understanding of regrouping twice and regrouping thousands as hundreds.

We are reading, *Pippi Longstocking* this month as we have completed *The Boxcar Children*. While the story is read in class, students are asked questions to answer and asked to come up with their own questions about predicting what might happen in the story.

In Language Arts, we are continuing to expand our spelling by learn words that have more short and long vowel sounds. We will also be working on comprehension skills and strategies such as understanding the sequence of events in a story, conclusions and cause and effect.

Science we are going to be learning about how animals living in a group helps them survive.

Social Studies we are going to be looking at where our community is in the United States. We will also be learning about the different traditions we have in the United States. Students will also be doing a special project about traditions.

Thank you to all the parents for everything you do!

Blessings,
Mrs. Wayne

Ms. Luna – 4th grade

Congratulations to our students of the week Adrien F. and Stella F! They have both consistently demonstrated SLE #2 for academics. They both participate often in class and always make sure they turn in quality work when assignments are due. They are helpful to the other students in the classroom and always work hard on their assignments in the classroom as well. Thank you to the fourth-grade parents that have been donating and volunteering for our Fundraising Fridays and for Trunk-or-Treat. You guys are awesome! Thanks for all the dedication and support!

Math – We have started Chapter 4 of our math book, multiplication. We are working on multiplying single digit numbers by two and three digits. We will eventually move into multiplying double digits and triple digits throughout the month.

ELA/Reading – We have started reading our first novel for the year, The Jungle Book. We are answering comprehension questions, expanding our vocabulary, and discussing what is happening to the characters in the book. We will be working on homophones, prefixes, suffixes, and root words, and action verbs this month.

Writing – Students have just finished writing their haunted house narrative and we will be moving into become more proficient at editing and revising our writings and using a rubric to peer review our writing.

Science – We are finishing up our unit on plants and will be moving into animals and how their bodies work. We will then work on how animals move with their muscles and how their natural instincts help protect them in their habitats.

Social Studies – We are starting to learn about our second geographical region, the SouthEast. Students will be learning about famous landmarks, people, and history of the South east Region of the United States by taking a virtual tour of the area on their IPAD!

Religion – We are starting our unit on the Ten Commandments! We will be analyzing and discussing the Ten Commandments in more depth and about why these rules are important to us.

5th Grade News

Congratulations to our students of the month, Kamelia and Miranda! They have demonstrated a clear understanding of SLE 2. They are motivated learners who work towards personal growth and apply the skills to real life situations.

THANK YOU all for your hard work in the month of October!!! We were able to raise \$444 on our first-class fundraiser. In addition, THANK YOU for all your donations to make Trunk or Treat successful. Also, in October, students had the opportunity to visit the Griffith Observatory. It was a great learning experience for them! We are already looking forward to our next field trip in December!

As we settle into November, teaching and learning is in full swing.

Religion – Students will continue learning about the Parts of the Mass. They will have the opportunity to actively participate in the Eucharist. In addition, the students will do a saint's report in honor to their favorite saint.

Math – Students will start exploring Fractions. Students will work with Prime and Composite numbers and simplifying fractions.

Reading – Students will write a book review and create a scrap book about Island of the Blue Dolphins.

ELA – Students will write narratives to develop real experiences or events using active technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequence.

Science – Students will continue working on Unit 4, The Solar System. Students will create a model of the Solar System in class.

Social Studies – Students will present their American Indians projects to the class. In Unit 3, students will learn about the first explorers who came to the Americas.



I am blessed to be working with each one of you and I am very thankful to have the opportunity to be part of your child's life! Have a great Thanksgiving!!!

Ms. Ahlmark, Middle School ELA Monthly Round-Up

In ELA, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade scholars wrapped up our responding to the text unit, where we read and T4 (talk to the text) shorter pieces of writing such as travel advertisements, excerpts from chapter books, magazine articles, and travel writing. Students were able to produce a body of work that allowed them to write persuasive speeches, their own news and magazine articles, character profiles, letters, creative descriptive pieces, and drawings. Way to go scholars!

We are now well into your short story unit, where students are learning the elements of a short story and identifying the writers' effects. Students learned to make story plot lines and are answering bigger questions about the authors craft and how their choices affect our interpretation and feelings about a short story. Some of the stories we have read are, "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," "Cask of Amontillado," "The Lottery," and stories from the short story collection, *Values*. Students will continue reading short stories and be writing their own short stories and modeling a writer's workshop in the classroom till the end of the month.

In 6th grade, students are continuing to work diligently on improving their vocabulary skills in their vocabulary books. I am regularly impressed by students who can use the words we learn while speaking casually and formally in class, which is why our student of the month for academics is Justina E. Justina models the second value of academics at Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic school each day with scholarly mindset, but also her humble spirit. She takes on challenges and excels quietly, never boasting when she earns a high mark or when something comes easily to her. These are the skills that make an outstanding Catholic scholar at SRDLCS.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all the parents and families who helped make Trunk-or-Treat a huge success for our class, especially to our room parent, Dora Torres-Carrillo and to Dora Correa, who donated her car (or was it a "monster" truck?!). The Coco theme and alter were a hit, and everyone loved the whipped cream and fruit. I feel so blessed to have y'all as my room family!

If you can, please join us for All Saint Day Mass at 8:15am on THURSDAY, November 1. Students may dress as their favorite Saint to earn Free Dress pass for that Friday, November 2. I just may come as Saint Lucia, the Swedish version of Santa Claus. Who will your child come dressed as?

-Ms. Ahlmark

Congratulations to Nicole P on being October's Student of the Month! You hit the ground running with your academics, and your hard efforts continue to pay off. Keep it up, Nicole!

7th Grade: We have finished our unit on the Indigenous civilizations and are now starting our unit on the Roman Empire. For science, we are beginning our unit on the electromagnetic spectrum and the basic units of life.

8th Grade: Students have been working really hard on their First Lady project in which includes an essay portion, a hand sketch, and a poster board. We are very excited to share them with you all. For social studies, students have come to understand how the government started to form. Looking forward, we will be looking at how such conflicts resulted in strengthening the national government, leading into the Bill of Rights. For science, we are wrapping up our unit on states of matter and will be starting our new unit on motion and forces within the next few days.

6th Grade: For science, we are in the middle of finishing our unit on elements and the rock cycle. We'll soon be transitioning on the changes of earth's surface. For social studies, we are continuing our unit on early civilizations that arose from Mesopotamia. This is where students will be starting their first social studies project, so please check SchoolSpeak for the details and rubric.

Lastly, this past month, our 6th and 7th grade classes went on their first field trip. Students had an amazing time making their own fish print and collaborating in small groups to dissect a fish at the Cabrillo Aquarium. In addition, our 7th grade Trunk-or-Treat was a great success. Everything truly looked amazing, so thank you all for your support and donations. These funds will go towards science supplies for the students.

8th grade, Mr. Delgado

Congratulations to Denise and Mary-Ann! They are students of the months by exceptionally demonstrating SLE #2. Keep it up.

6th Grade- In Math, we are finishing up with Solving One-Step equations and Inequalities and going to begin decimals and equations. For Religion, 6th grade completed their Mary project and will do a Saint assignment of their choosing. Lastly, we begin Unit 2; "God Forms a Family of Faith," in our Christ Our Life textbook and integrate it with the Nicene Creed.

7th Grade- In Math, we will continue and finish with integers and rational numbers, then begin with equations. For Religion, we are continuing with Christological foundation of our Faith and learning how it applies to our lives and faith. Also, we will identify the Christological aspects of the Nicene Creed. Lastly, 7th grade will do a multi-media project on a patron Saint.

8th Grade- In Math, will begins expand the concept of equations in Algebra; properties, solving equations with variables, formulas, etc. For Religion, we will begin Unit 2, “The Marks of the Church,” in our Christ Our Life textbook, and identify the marks in the Nicene Creed. Lastly, 8th grade will do a multi-media project on a patron saint.