



# The 7th Grade News

St. Francis of Assisi School

## Upcoming Events and Other Items of Note

**End of year mastery tests**— Over the next week and a half, students will be taking end of year mastery tests in English and math. While this is not the only way in which we assess how well students have learned concepts presented throughout the year, they are nonetheless significant indicators of whether or not a student can recall and use skills and concepts on the fly. A check list showing the results of these tests will be sent home with the report cards.

**Textbook collection starting soon**— We'll be looking through textbooks as

we collect them, comparing the condition they are in to the conditions that were reported by your seventh grader last fall. If damage beyond what is reasonable (and "reasonable" here means what would have occurred if the book had been covered and handled carefully all year!) has occurred, fines will be assessed. All fines must be paid before report cards are released.

This will be the final edition of The 7th Grade News for the 2010-2011 school year. We hope you have a wonderful and rest-filled summer.

## Curriculum Notes

**Literature and vocabulary**—We have been watching *To Kill A Mockingbird*, based on the modern classic novel by Harper Lee. We will continue working on vocabulary based on Greek and Latin roots through the last day of school.

**Science**—Students took a short exam on microscopy today and we will begin studying taxonomy of living things on Monday.

**Math**—Mrs. Hulsman's pre-algebra students will take the chapter 12 exam next week, after which we'll take a quick look at patterns, sequences and get acquainted with polynomials before taking the year-end mastery test during the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Poginy's class will continue with lessons 101-105 and Mrs. McDermott's students will undertake lessons 85-90 next week.

**English**—Student are wrapping up their magazine projects and reviewing grammar for the end-of-year mastery test. The final English tests will be given next week.

**Religion**—Students are composing "This I Believe" statements, proclaiming something they believe about Christ, based on our study of the New Testament. Statements are due next Tuesday, and directions are on Edline.

## St. Francis of Assisi School

### Mission and Philosophy

- *The mission of St. Francis of Assisi School is to educate the whole person by creating a Christ-centered community that fosters an active faith, encourages service, and promotes academic growth.*

*St. Francis of Assisi School is a Catholic Parish School where families and teachers work in partnership to foster the formation and education of the whole child.*

*St. Francis of Assisi School is committed to:*

- *Teaching the truths of our Catholic faith and traditions.*
- *Creating an environment of respect and responsibility for oneself and for our global community.*
- *Nurturing intellectual curiosity while facilitating academic excellence and active involvement in learning.*

