



Mount Royal Academy Weekly Facts Sheet

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Pre-Kindergarten

The beginning of the year is in full swing, and the pre-k kids are settling into the class routine. We started the year learning about frogs and toads. We are now learning about the 4 seasons.

As fall time is here, please make sure something warm to wear at recess is brought to school. Also please make sure folders are brought back each day!

Thanks so much. –Mrs. Lowe

Kindergarten

Everyone did a good job returning homework for the first time, today. I will assign homework worksheets twice a week, and when it is returned in a timely manner the children will add a sticker to their 'homework ticket', to be redeemed later at the prize box. Thank you for helping them build good homework habits from home!

We have been learning about how much God loves us, and the creation of the angels. We also discussed devils (which are fallen angels), and how we can learn to be strong *inside* to do good, and resist doing bad, so that we can go to Heaven to be with God!

In other subjects, we have been reviewing the alphabet and counting, and I have assessed the children individually in preparation for reading instruction.

We are all enjoying the final days of Summer, but please watch the weather forecasts to make sure your child can dress warmly when necessary at recess time, and make sure to send a fresh water bottle daily. ~Mrs. Heath

Grades 1 & 2

We are in full swing with our regular work and homework this week. You may have noticed that the kids are writing their homework assignments in their notebook each day. I sign off on it and make sure they have the needed materials to take home. Each day that they bring in all of their completed homework, they are putting a sticker on their homework chart. I have asked them each, as part of their nightly homework, to read for 15 min. a day. I know it is difficult to find the extra time on a school night, but daily reading is so important; thank you so much for your support in this.

Spelling tests have begun this week and there will be one each Friday. The list is sent home on Monday and spelling homework given throughout the week.

As a class, we are working on a book goal of reading at least three books a week per student through Christmas. To help with this, we have a new selection of library books available in the classroom each week and so far everyone is doing a great job working toward the goal.

Grades 3 & 4

We have a religion test this Friday on Chapter 29 Mary, Our Mother and Queen.

Please include reviewing the chapter as part of this week's required homework.

This week the grade 3 students are reading the Legend of Damon and Pythias and the grade 4 students are reading Tickets to Freedom. We are writing about the Apparitions of Mary and editing last week's writing on inventors (soon to be published and displayed in the hallway). In grammar we are studying verbs.

We will have a spelling test and language arts assessment on Friday. Homework is due Friday. ---Mrs. Diebold

Grades 5 & 6

Academics are in full tilt! Homework is assigned each day for nightly, short term and long term responsibilities. Papers are corrected fairly quickly and are returned almost daily, so please watch for/ask to see them. Some are to be kept in organized sections of student's binders after being shown to parents. Assessments are of four basic types: written work, oral responses,

announced and unannounced quizzes and the proverbial test. Homework is an unequalled part of the student's grade and must be passed in on time and is expected to be thorough. When a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the student to speak with me immediately upon return. At that time it will be decided how much work will be made up and when it is to be returned. Our class motto is: SELF-INITIATED SELF-DISCIPLINE and has been explained to the students. It means that students are to exercise responsibility and meet expectations placed upon them. I am available at all times for help to both students and to parents. God Bless

Grades 7-12

Physics: The physics class has started off smoothly, with definitions and ground rules laid. We have defined vectors, velocity, acceleration, and free falling, as well as done some math around that. We actually get to play with toy cars, billiard balls, and puzzles! Homework will consist of problems from the book, as well as assigned reading. Naturally, the assignments for the weekend (Thurs. through Tues.) will have more material to cover than between Tues. until Thurs. Two parts to the ground rules are to be highlighted: neatness, and show all work! We are focusing on concepts, not necessarily the math involved. However, math is an important "language" to describe our universe, so if we screw up the math, it's okay, as long as we get the idea of what we mean!

Some suggested material: Graph paper would be great to have, if folks can do so, as well as rulers. I have offered to get this material, as well as scientific calculators, if they don't have it. Things like protractors and compasses are optional, and are not required, but are nice to have. I am happy to help with getting this stuff! ---Mr. Ouellette

Biology: This week we are working on Chapter 2 – the chemistry of life. We are also working on our first group project, which has to do with Biology in the News. They will do presentations at the end of the month and also have a brief paper to go along with it. Hopefully all of the group work will be done in class. Next Tuesday, we will have our first lab in the new building. Everyone is excited to check it out! We may have classes there after that, depending on how comfortable the students are and if we get the go ahead!

Some students have asked about the summer reading quiz. I have given them an opportunity to redeem themselves and write a paragraph about the selection. Please have them check their email regarding this, and work on their paragraphs as soon as possible. --Mrs. O.

Mount Royal Athletics

Weekday Away Game Transportation: The school is responsible for arranging transportation to away games on school days. When away games fall on Saturdays, families are responsible for arranging transportation for student-athletes. Since the season schedule has already been completed and distributed, we kindly request that all parents of soccer players consider their availability to assist with transportation to away games on weekdays. We have 24 student-athletes total, and it would most appreciated if parents could volunteer their time to help transport. Please look over the schedule and commit to at least 2 weekday away games. We always depart from school, and then the coach and parents typically attempt to arrange convenient routes home for drivers and players.

Game Day Uniforms: Soccer players may wear their game jerseys on game-day. However, student-athletes can never wear game-jerseys on Mondays, and they must wear the regular dress code bottoms for boys and girls. Jersey's can be worn over a white t-shirt.

Team Managers needed: any student in the upper school interested in becoming a team manager for the soccer team should see Mr. Tremblay. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and participate in an extracurricular activity. Managers are encouraged to attend all games, and do not have to attend practices. Duties associated with the position involve maintaining our roster, creating rosters of opposing teams, and assisting Mr. Tremblay with other coaching tasks.

Gym days are on Tuesdays in the Upper School, and students may wear either the gym uniform, or any Mount Royal spirit-wear. Sneakers are required. Students who do not dress accordingly will lose the privilege to wear gym uniforms or spirit-wear on Tuesdays.

Campus Ministry

CAMPUS MINISTRY MEETING: The date and time of the first meeting will be announced in the upcoming days. We invite all students in the Upper School to participate in Campus Ministry. The student-led Campus Ministry team directs outreach service opportunities, assists with in-school service events, and also helps other spiritual activities in the school year.

MARTIN DOMAN CONCERT: Please view attached flyer to find out more information about this upcoming spiritual event, intended for all families. We would very much appreciate if members of the community would spread the news of the Christ Music concert to families in other parts of New Hampshire. Martin Doman is an exceptional worship leader, and this is a great opportunity to help deepen the faith of our families, as well as lead others from outside our community to a real encounter with Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS: MRA will happily offer the Holy Mass that is celebrated each week for the intentions or soul of any member of our wider community. We understand that God has called us to be vehicles of grace for our busy parents, and we can't think of a better way to say 'thank you'. So please, contact Mr. Tremblay if you would like to submit a Mass intention.

SERVICE HOUR FORMS are available in Mr. Tremblay's office. Students in grades 9 – 12 are expected to complete a specific number of service hours in order to fulfill their theology requirement each year. Students were informed of how many hours they are required to complete by the end of the school year. We encourage students to keep a running log of all their volunteer activities as the year progresses, rather than try to recall how many hours were volunteered at the very end of the year. Hastily seeking service hours at the end of the year removes the meaning and damages the purpose of offering one's self to others.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY CLEANING: Volunteers are needed to help keep our school chapel worthy enough for the presence of our Lord. We would like to draft a formal schedule of parents and students who clean the oratory. Please consider volunteering on a regular basis. It may only be once a month. We have had 3 responses, and therefore we still need to fill out the remainder of the calendar. Please phone or email Mr. Tremblay ASAP if you are able and willing to volunteer once a month. We are so blessed to have our Lord present on campus, and we ought to thank Him by keeping the school oratory as clean as possible.

BOOK OF INTENTIONS: Throughout the course of the year innumerable members both within and outside the Mount Royal community request that our students pray on behalf of their intentions. Our students pray several times during the school day – morning assembly, midday angelus, and closing assembly – and we also come together once a week to participate in the Holy Mass, and to recite the rosary prayer. It would be most appreciate if a member of our community is willing to offer their time, efforts, or even resources to either create or purchase a formal book of intentions. We will then mention this book and the intentions listed within it each time we pray as a school community. Anyone interested in helping may contact Derek Tremblay.

Other News

First HASA Meeting: Monday, October 3rd at 7pm in the lower school kitchen. All parents are encouraged to join us at our first HASA meeting of the year. We need new members! We will be discussing where we will be spending our money and plans for the year. HASA is MRA's parent lead organization. Our mission is to help MRA fulfill its mission of educating our young people. For more information or questions, please call or email Kelly Ouellette, President, at kel.o@att.net or 938-2212.

HASA Parent Rep. to the Board Report: The parent representative to the board this year is Allen Ouellette. If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to Mount Royal, please feel free to contact Allen as another resource. His email address is al.o@att.net, and his phone number is 938-2212.

A Reminder to all Parents to please submit to the office *as soon as possible* your **child's immunization record** if you have not done so. Thank you.

Pizza: will be served every Friday throughout the school year at \$1.25 per slice. Please pay your teacher or Mrs. McDonald in the office by ***Thursday at 3:00pm*** if you would like pizza.

Upcoming Soccer Games: Thurs., 9/22 vs. Sunapee at Home 3:30pm; Sat., 9/24 JV vs. Holy Family at 10am; Varsity vs. Holy Family 12pm; Home; Mon., 9/26 at Jesse Remington 3:30pm Away. Please come to the games and support our team!
Go Knights!!!

Student Handbooks: Please don't forget to read the student handbook with your child (found on the front page of our

schools' website, www.mountroyalacademy.com, and sign and return the parent/student agreement (that was in your parent folder from Parent's Night) to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Picture Day: Monday, October 3rd at 9am.

No School: Monday, Oct. 10th – Columbus Day

HASA Little Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser: Please return order forms with payment to the lower school office by *Thursday, October 13th*. Extra order forms are on the table in the hallway of the lower school. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Ouellette at kel.o@att.net or 938-2212

1st Qtr. Progress Reports go home on Friday, Oct. 14th.