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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Third grade has learned a lot these past two quarters. We have now successfully learned all of the cursive letters, both uppercase and lowercase and should be writing in cursive most of the time. We have also been learning much in Saxon Math, including multiplication and division, which is pertinent that the students retain for fourth grade. We have studied landforms in geography, and living things, life cycles, and soil, in Science. We are still working on writing proficient sentences and paragraphs. Many students have been trained to be altar servers at mass on Fridays.

This next quarter, students will have letter grades written on their report cards, and the work will be more challenging. It is important at this point for students to be responsible for completing class work, homework, taking notes home to parents, and returning these and their necessary materials to school on their own. The SuccessMaker computer program we have been working with weekly has also been showing students are advancing in their reading and math scores.

We will be having a Valentine's Party on February 14<sup>th</sup>. I will send out a note to students in the classroom regarding this.

Sincerely,  
Holly Shaw  
Third grade teacher