



# MISS DEBROT'S 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade CLASS NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES



- 9/21 1<sup>st</sup> Spelling Test
- 9/24 Math Scantron



This week, we talked a little about the quote "You are unique and unrepeatable" from Pope JP II. We did an

activity where each student

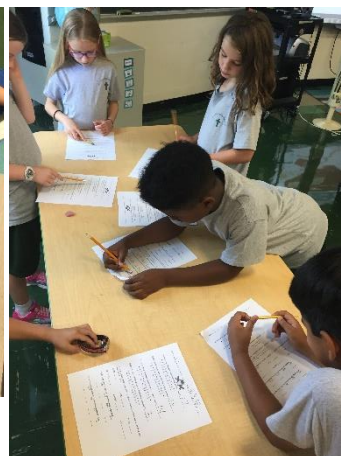
wrote down a special talent they have and everyone else in the class had to write down if they shared that special talent or not. Then we compared our papers and noticed that all of us have a special combination of talents. We also talked about how we are called to help our friends find their talents. Students wrote down words that described a special talent or attribute that each classmate had on a piece of colored paper. Students then collected the words that described them and glued them into a Kindness book. Some students were even surprised by the words their friends chose because they didn't realize they had those special attributes!



This week, students worked on finding

number patterns. The

number patterns were kept simple for this week so students could also focus on figuring out how our math centers are going to run. We started off by working on timed stations, where students had a set amount of time to work at each station. Then we moved onto free centers, where students were given reminders throughout the class time to rotate to each center. For centers, students completed worksheets, solved their first Problem of the Day in their math journals, and learned a fluency game called "Spiral" where students worked on addition and subtraction facts, and solved 100's chart puzzles.



This week we finished setting ourselves up for a successful Reading year. We took our Reading scantron test this week and made privacy folders, which students can use as needed during reading and writing activities.

Friday was Literary Day, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was invited to come listen to the speaker this year: author Valerie Tripp. She spoke to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and upper hall students about the writing process, what its like to be an author, and answered some student questions. At the end, some students even got her autograph!



- **Math:** We will be working on understanding place value into the ten thousands, and then using this knowledge to help order numbers.
- **Reading:** Students will begin the year by working with nonfiction texts. We will look at text structure, main idea, and details.
- **Religion:** Our first unit is about answering God's call to holiness.
- **Social Studies:** Students will begin discussing map features and how to use maps.

“The human being is single, unique, and unrepeatable, someone thought of and chosen from eternity, someone called and identified by name.”

– John Paul II