

**Third Grade Recorder Concert  
Last Thursday**



Last Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, after the Home and School Meeting, the third grade students performed many songs on recorders for the people in attendance. The students have

been working all year long on learning proper fingering, mastering songs, and earning colored "belts" for their recorders. Mrs. Ashley worked wonders with the students and everyone there was very impressed with the recorder skills the third graders have gained this year.



**ACA Cheerleading**

Girls who will be in grades 5 – 8 during the 2010-2011 school year are eligible to join the ACA Cheer Team. All who are interested in cheering next year for the ACA basketball teams, please contact Mary Thomson at 407-342-7879 or Gina Helms at 321-303-4944. Last years' cheerleaders will be attending a cheer camp this summer and we encourage all who are interested to join them!

**Carpool Tip**

After the first line of cars pull away, it is ok to park in the "auction spots." The further up the cars go, the more cars we can fill each time, allowing us to get home even faster! If you are at the front of the second group of cars and in the right lane, pull up to the stop sign. If you are in the left lane, pull up to the front edge of the island.

**Donations/Volunteers Needed  
for Catholic Youth Camp**

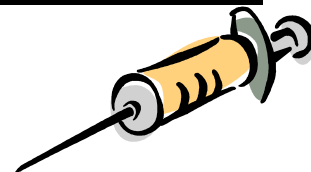
Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) is collecting decorations for the High Seas! If you have any extra items that you could donate to decorate our High Seas, they would be greatly appreciated. We need the following items: nets, captain's bells, anchors, ship steering wheels, barrels, white fabric, crates, blue tarps, stuffed/inflatable parrots, sharks, and monkeys. Items will be returned at the conclusion of camp.



CYC is also looking for volunteers to help with set design preparations and construction. If you have time or items to donate, please contact Nikki Neswold at [neswold@cfl.rr.com](mailto:neswold@cfl.rr.com) or 407-430-8598.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students' Parents:**

Immunization requirements for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade next year are due before school ends. Please see that your child's immunizations are updated.



**Save Your Uniforms**

The spring used uniform sale will be Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2-6pm in the media center. Donations of all clean, used uniforms will be accepted at the front desk the week of Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. All students will be eligible to wear PE clothes the last three days of school.

**Lost and Found Closet**

This article serves as a reminder that all items in the lost and found closet must be claimed by Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, or they will be donated to the used uniform sale.

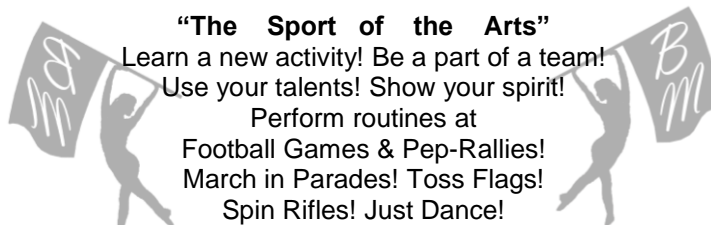
**Bishop Moore Color Guard**

**"The Sport of the Arts"**

Learn a new activity! Be a part of a team!  
Use your talents! Show your spirit!

- Perform routines at
- Football Games & Pep-Rallies!
- March in Parades! Toss Flags!
- Spin Rifles! Just Dance!

For audition information or any questions contact Coach-Michele Sher: [michele@sherwithus.com](mailto:michele@sherwithus.com) (407) 782-5667.



# Improving Comprehension

## Preparing for standardized tests

Reading comprehension is a part of most standardized tests. How can you help your child improve his understanding of what he reads? Try a "paired reading" with your youngster.

1. First, you and your child silently read the same part of a story, an article, or a textbook. Try two or three paragraphs to start.
2. Next, listen while your youngster summarizes aloud what he has just read. He might say, "I learned that sedimentary rocks are made from pressure." After he's finished summarizing, offer your corrections or additions to what he heard. *Example:* "We also learned that igneous rocks come from cooling lava."
3. Then, take turns reading another two or three paragraphs and changing roles. Switch back and forth until the whole story, article, or chapter is read.

*Note:* This activity is a good study aid for subjects like science or history – and it builds listening skills.

## Vocabulary Practice

**Q** – My daughter has a tough time with vocabulary quizzes. What can I do to help?

**A** – Try sneaking in a little extra vocabulary practice. The more your youngster uses the words, the easier it will be for her to remember them.

- **Do puzzles.** You can turn vocabulary words and their definitions into simple crossword puzzles at <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>. Select "Criss-Cross" from the puzzle menu in the middle of the screen.
- **Hunt for treasure.** Encourage your child to find and circle vocabulary words in newspapers and magazines and to read the sentences aloud. Seeing the words used in context will help her learn their meanings.
- **Use synonyms.** List your youngster's vocabulary words. Then, beside each one, have her write words with similar meanings. She can use a thesaurus from the library (try Scholastic's *Children's Thesaurus*, or search at [www.wordsmyth.net](http://www.wordsmyth.net)). Hang the list on the refrigerator where she can review it.

## Game Suggestions

▪ **Hit or Miss** – This list-making game is never the same twice. Players have 45 seconds to write as many words as possible in a given category. Then, they guess which of their words is the most popular – or the most original. *Gamewright*

▪ **Loaded Questions Junior** – Test how well you know your opponents by guessing how they answer questions. This game contains 300 conversation-sparking questions in four categories that make it fun for the whole family to play together. *All Things Equal*

## Calendar

May 27:	Spring Band Concert 7pm
May 31:	<b>Memorial Day – No School</b>
June 1:	Baccalaureate Mass 8:30 Eighth Grade Exams
June 2:	Eighth Grade Trip
June 3:	Graduation Practice and Luncheon
June 4:	Graduation 6pm
June 9:	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter <b>Last Day of School 12:00 Dismissal</b>

## Summer Reading Ideas

- **The Million Dollar Kick** - Whisper once humiliated herself while playing soccer. Now she can't stand the games. Faced with a contest to win a million dollars with a single kick, can she regain her self-confidence and win the cash? Readers will find out in this tale by Dan Gutman.
- **Granny Torrelli Makes Soup** - Granny Torrelli does more than make soup. When Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, have an argument, Granny shares stores of her own life to help Rosie learn how to solve her problems. A heartwarming tale of family by Sharon Creech. (Also available in Spanish.)
- **A Collection of Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories** – how did the camel get its hump? Why do kangaroos hop? Where did the rhinoceros get his skin? Readers can explore the fanciful answers to these and other questions in eight classic fables by Rudyard Kipling. Beautiful illustrations by Christopher Corr and others make this volume a delight to look at as well as to read.
- **The Boxcar Children Cookbook** – fans of the Boxcar Children series will eat up this title by Diane Blain. The book gives simple recipes for foods eaten by the Alden children during their adventures. Most recipes include an excerpt from one of the Boxcar Children books.

## Gold Stars:

★ Congratulations to **Coach Anderson and his many volunteer coaches**. ACA had an outstanding athletic year, even winning the Principal's Cup for the first time. Great job!



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