



## October News From Mrs. Fahrner

### Grades K-8

- If your child has a learning difference, or you are interested in finding out what it is like to have a learning difference, you may want to spend some time on the PBS site: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/>
- Consistency is a key work in helping children develop study skills and be successful in school. Most children at school have homework every night. On nights that homework is not assigned, children benefit from spending time reading, or studying for an upcoming test.
- It is never too late to learn math facts. If your child is still struggling with basic math fact, set aside 5-7 minutes each night for math using online games. You can find some links in the **Resource** section of the St. Gregory School Site.

### Grades K-3

- Find many ways to help your child learn high frequency (Dolch) words and math facts on the **Resource** section of our St. Gregory School website.
- In order to learn sight words or math facts, some children need to study routinely for 5-7 minutes a day. There are no shortcuts to learning.
- Children like parents reading to them even after they learn to read themselves.
- Children become fluent readers by reading a variety of material on their reading level. Studies have shown that children should know at least 90% of the words in a book in order to be able to read fluently.
- If your child has difficulty reading grade level material, you can help by checking out audio books at the library. You can also study and play games with 3-5 new vocabulary words each day.
- Holidays such as Halloween, offer a great opportunity to help your children expand vocabulary because they are interested in reading seasonal books.