

Home Learning - Clam, Coral and Oyster Homegroups

Term 1, Week 9 Due: Tuesday, 2 April

“Hope requires that we spin a few dreams for ourselves that are possible, doable and desirable.” - Joan Chittister OSB

Home Learning

- Home learning activities link to the learning that is happening at school.
- It is distributed each week through the Middle School Learning Blog <https://smcmfunonthefarm.com>
- It will be distributed on **Wednesday** and will be collected the following **Tuesday**.

Students are expected to:

- Read for at least 15 minutes daily
- Complete set learning activities weekly
- Visit the Middle School Learning Blog. Discuss with your family the learning that has been happening at school and while you're there leave a comment!

Activity 1: Literacy

- Read for 15 minutes each night. *What book are you reading?*
- Record the title and page numbers read each day in your green

My Home Reading Book



“This term we are focusing on reading for comprehension. This week you are working on your note-taking skills. Please read the text and fill in the blanks.”

Dead Sea in Danger

The Dead Sea, the saltiest body of water of the earth and a wonderful natural treasure, is becoming smaller and smaller because of decisions by people to use part of its waters. The Dead Sea is located at the lowest point of the earth, almost 400 metres below sea level. It is 50 kilometres long. Just 40 years ago it stretched 80 kilometres in length. One of the main reasons for the sea's shrinking is lack of water. 90% of the waters that flow from the Jordan River, which traditionally goes into the Dead Sea, is taken for drinking and agriculture in Israel and Jordan. Besides, local industry adds to the Dead Sea's problems. They use the water for getting the necessary minerals. It's a real disaster for the Sea. Now hundreds of thousands of tourists come to the Dead Sea every year. Its water is so salty that a man can read a newspaper comfortably while lying on his back on the water. The water contains a lot of sulphur, and the thick black mud that is found at the sea's beach is very useful for people with skin diseases. Tourists treat their bodies with the black mud, but they don't think about the Dead Sea's troubles. It can be saved – but time is running out.

Record your answers to the questions below:

1. Find and write down the sentence that says why the Dead Sea is in danger?
2. Why does the text finish with the words:
It can be saved – but time is running out? Explain your answer.

3. Match the words (and phrases) with their antonyms (words which have opposite meanings).

1. to prohibit	a) to damage
2. to protect	b) to clear rubbish away
3. to pollute	c) to be out of danger
4. to throw	d) to allow
5. to drop litter	e) to enjoy doing something
6. to be in danger	f) to clean
7. to avoid doing something	g) to catch

Activity 2: Maths

Throughout Maths this term, we are focusing on our understanding of place value. Please answer the following questions.

Write each number in expanded form.

For examples: 1,201,345 = 1,000,000 + 200,000 + 1,000 + 300 + 40 + 5

a. 4,502,093 = _____

b. 3,002,932 = _____

c. 1,703,200 = _____

d. 6,203,921 = _____

e. 7,802,400 = _____

f. 9,209,998 = _____

Activity 3: Religious Education/Inquiry

We are entering our fourth week of the Lenten season and continuing to focus on the gifts God has provided us with. This week as part of our support to Caritas Australia we are celebrating 100% community through the story of Michaela, a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House.

Please click the [link](#) if you would like to watch the story that promotes **100% community**.

Watch this video with your family then try to come up with some ideas of what you could do in your community to make a difference, no matter how small. This week we are encouraged to “lend a hand to those in our community”. At home, trace your hand and decorate it with symbols representing your community. Please bring it along on Friday to wear as part of our Caritas Friday celebrations.

