

# First Grade News

February 4, 2016

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- We had an awesome Catholic Schools Week! Thank you for all you do to help support our school and our school community! We are incredibly thankful for our amazing students and their families.
- Be sure to check out our life size penguins that are hanging in the hallway. We are having fun researching penguins.
- We will celebrate Valentine's Day in our classroom on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to bring in cards, they can prepare 25 and sign their name. Please do not write classmates' names on cards.
- We have our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. Please join us if you can!
- Please remember to mark your calendar for February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as NO SCHOOL days.
- We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mark your calendars for our annual Science Expo from 5-7 on February 19<sup>th</sup>. This year's focus will be engineering.

Have a great weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

2/5 - No School

2/10- Ash Wednesday, Mass  
@8:30

2/12- Valentine's party

2/15- President's Day

2/16- Teacher In-service



## SLE of the Week

February 8-12

*I care for myself  
and the world  
around me.*

## Birthdays:

February 18<sup>th</sup>- Charlotte

## Upcoming Star of the Week:

February 8-12- Paige

February 22-26- Lilly

February 29 - March 3- Charlotte

March 7-11- Vienna

The star of the week can bring in sharing "show and tell" every day.

What we are learning next week:

<u>Religion</u>	We will continue with our social skills curriculum next week. Next week's lessons will focus on identifying feelings, looking for clues about feelings, feelings changing, and similarities and differences.
<u>Reading</u>	We will focus on reading for research. We will be working on gathering facts about out animals for the animal reports.
<u>Writing</u>	We continue to focus on informational writing. Next week, we will draft our report as a class. Each student will then be working on an individual animal report. Start asking your first grader what animal they might like to research and write about!
<u>Spelling</u>	Unit 12 is an assessment unit. We will do several activities to assess the learning of our last few units.
<u>Social Science</u>	We will continue looking at our world and learning about how maps and globes help us to communicate about the places in our community.
<u>Math</u>	We will begin topic 9, which focuses on comparing and ordering numbers to 100. We will use 100 charts and number lines to determine numbers greater than and less than.