

First Grade News April 7th, 2017

Classroom News

On Monday, we will attend our last Oregon Symphony KinderKonzert. We are excited to learn about and hear the percussion instruments.

Please remember to send your child with their car seat on Monday. The car assignments will be posted in the courtyard as usual.

Note from 1st Grade Room Parents:

Welcome back from Spring Break! The Annual Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner is just around the corner on Thursday, May 4th and will be here before we know it. This is the one Parents' Association event specifically assigned to 1st Grade Parents to help out with and every family is expected to volunteer for at least one shift. There are a variety of times and opportunities, so pick the one that works best for your family. The sign ups are on Volgistics which you can easily access from the school website parents' link page. And, a friendly reminder that the opportunities only will appear if you have completed your Call to Protect training.

Please sign up for your shift by Friday, April 14, so we can be sure we've got a full crew. If for some reason you can't make your shift, please be sure to find a substitute. The Kitchen Staff runs efficiently and needs all hands on deck to make the evening run smoothly. As you may remember from years past, it's a very fast night where a large number of meals are served to our school families. Most importantly, this is a very fun volunteer opportunity to work side-by-side with fellow first grade parents. Let's roll up our sleeves and chip in!

Here's what you'll see as volunteer options on Volgistics:

Kitchen Setup 3-4:15PM Check-In Table 4:45 - 6:30PM 6:15-

7:30PM Greeters/Servers 4:45 - 6:30PM 6:15- 7:30PM Kitchen Help 4:45 -

6:30PM 6:15- 7:30PM Kitchen Cleanup 7-8PM

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask us! Sara & Melissa

Thank you to those who have donated items for our Easter Basket project. We are in need of the following materials for the first grade service project.

As you are out and about, please consider stocking up on the following:

- Jelly beans and other Easter candy (Please make sure they are individually wrapped or in small, sealed bags.)
- A large assortment of stickers, and novelty toys (bubbles, play dough, little games)
- Cellophane bags to individually wrap 50 baskets.

We will assemble the baskets on April 11th. If you're available the morning of the 11th, we're in need of parent volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please check Volgistics if this is something you are interested in.

Surprise reader has moved from Fridays at 11:20 to **Wednesdays at 11:20**. If you would like to come in and read a favorite picture book to the first graders, please sign up via Volgistics. Surprise readers are also welcome join their child for lunch on the day they

come in.

Star of the Week

April 24-28 – Grier

May 1-5 - Ivory

May 15-19 – Vincent

June 5-9 – Hannah

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about Holy Week. We will learn more about the Stations of the Cross. Our school will attend Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 14th at 8:30.

Reading

Our current reading comprehension focus is on visualization. We are learning about how making a picture in our minds helps us understand what we are reading.

Writing

For the next several weeks we will focus on persuasive and opinion writing. Our first project will be a group project. We will be studying modeled writing to learn more about the characteristics of persuasive writing.

Math

Next week we will begin topic 10, the focus is on adding with tens and ones. We will learn how to add two digit numbers within 100 and practice regrouping. We will be using hundreds charts, base ten manipulatives and mental math to add.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue our study on Earth's place in the Universe. We will be working on answering what makes Earth the perfect planet to live on and will be investigating Apollo 11's trip to the moon. The first graders will take what they have learned and create their own new planet.

Upcoming Events

April 10

KinderKonzert @9:00

April 11

Assemble Easter Baskets @8:30

April 14

Stations of the Cross @8:30