

First Grade News

April 8, 2016

Upcoming Events

4/8 - Report cards go home!

4/11 - KinderKonzert

4/20 - First grade leads Mass &
11:30 Dismissal

4/22 - Dodgeball Tournament



SLE of the Week April 11- 15

*I speak and write
clearly.*

Birthdays:

April 9th - Holly

Upcoming Star of the Week:

April 11-15 - Holly

April 18-22 - Blake

April 25 - 29 - Warren

May 2 - 6 - Eva

May 9 - 13 - Elliot

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

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- The past week we have been learning about cultures and traditions in social studies. We know that our classroom community is rich in cultural backgrounds, and would like to extend an invitation to first grade families who may be interested in coming in to present/share an element of your family culture. It could be as simple as coming in and reading a story about a special holiday, or as complex as sharing traditional clothes, songs, dances, or (nut free) foods with the class. If this sounds like something you're interested in, please email, and we can arrange a time for you to come in!
- Our April author of the month is Kevin Henkes! If you have any Kevin Henkes books at home that you are willing to loan to our classroom, we would love to read them to study his writing style.
- First grade will be leading the school Mass on Wednesday, April 20th. We are already hard at work preparing for this Mass. This is our Mass to honor our Cathedral School volunteers and we hope you can join us in prayer.
- Next Monday, April 11th we will be attending a KinderKonzert. It will be our last concert this year and we will be hearing and learning about instruments from the percussion family. **On Monday please send your child to school with their car seat to place in the courtyard under their name.**
- This week in MakerSpace we worked with Spheros. We learned how to program the Sphero ("robotic ball") to move along a course. The first graders thoroughly enjoyed exploring this new technology, and even got a chance to take in the beautiful weather while they were at it.
- Thank you to the families who helped make the Sugar & Spice drive a success. The seventh grade class is appreciative of your efforts to help out those in need.

Have a great weekend!

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What we are learning next week:

<u>Religion</u>	We will spend the next week and a half preparing to lead Mass on April 20 th .
<u>Reading</u>	We will continue our comprehension focus of determining importance. We will work on determining the main idea and identifying details. We will learn to find important information in texts.
<u>Writing</u>	We will continue our study of opinion/persuasive writing next week. We are working on a class project to persuade another class to eat healthy foods!
<u>Spelling</u>	You have probably noticed by now that our spelling program is a spiraling program. This means that we will build on the same big concepts throughout the year. Next week we will focus on homophones. We will also focus on how some words sound the way they are spelled while others do not.
<u>Social Science</u>	We will continue our unit on traditions we share. We will be learning about the cultures and customs of different nations.
<u>Math</u>	We will begin topic 13, which focuses on time! We will work on understanding how to read and write time to the hour and half hour, on both digital and analog clocks.