

# First Grade News

February 12, 2016

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- The first grade service project is hitting the ground! We are asking for your help in collecting contents for Easter baskets to be donated to CARES Northwest. A big thank you to the Pienovi-Myslowiecka family for donating all 50 Easter baskets needed for this project! As you are out and about, please consider stocking up on the following:
  - Stuffed Easter toys, rabbits, ducks, etc. (These toys are the most needed item!)
  - Jelly beans and other Easter candy (Please make sure they are individually wrapped or in small, sealed bags.)
  - A large assortment of stickers, pencils, novelty toys (bubbles, play doh, little games)

Please place your family's contributions in the bin in our classroom by March 11. The little children and their buddies will assemble the baskets before spring break.

- Cathedral School's annual Science Expo is next Friday from 5-7! This year the theme is MakerSpace creations. You will get an opportunity to experience some of the awesome learning opportunities your child has during the school day. Don't miss this opportunity to play, create, and innovate with your family.
- A big thank you to the Sanchez, Vargo, McCaskill, Maanao and Heydet families who helped to make today's Valentines day party a success. The class had a great time celebrating.
- First grade Family Mass is Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>! The first and fourth grade will be leading this Mass, if you or your child is interested in serving during this Mass please email us the 2 roles they are most interested in.

Have a great long weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

2/15- President's Day- no school

2/16- Teacher In-service- no school

2/19- 100<sup>th</sup> day and Science Expo

2/22- KinderKonzert

2/28- Family Mass, 9:00

3/4 No School



## SLE of the Week February 17-19

*I share my faith  
with others.*

## Birthdays:

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

## Upcoming Star of the Week:

February 22-26- Lilly

February 29 - March 3- Charlotte

March 7-11- Vienna

March 14-18 - Maeve

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

## What we are learning next week:

<b><u>Religion</u></b>	We are focusing on Lent. We will be talking about the idea of sacrificing something and ways to show love and be more like Jesus.
<b><u>Reading</u></b>	We love reading non-fiction! We are practicing reading for a purpose.
<b><u>Writing</u></b>	We continue to focus on informational writing. First graders have been researching their little hearts out and are now drafting their informational animal reports. Stay tuned for the finished product!
<b><u>Spelling</u></b>	We will be reviewing big concepts including: contractions, silent e, double letters, capitalization and plurals.
<b><u>Social Science</u></b>	We will conclude the unit studying our world by working together to create a first grade community.
<b><u>Math</u></b>	We will begin topic 10, which focuses on adding with tens and ones. We will use 100 charts, manipulatives and mental math to determine sums.