

First Grade News October 28th, 2016

Classroom News:

- Halloween – On Monday, October 31st we will be celebrating Halloween at school. At 1:30 we will have our school-wide Halloween parade in the gym followed by our classroom party. Your child is invited to bring their Halloween costume to school with them on Monday, October 31st, they will be given an opportunity to change into their costume before the Halloween parade. Please try to limit the costume accessories to items that your child can independently put on and leave the weapons, blood/gore at home.
Class project- A Thanksgiving Quilt

Thanksgiving is an important time in our lives when we remember all of the gifts God has given us. Our class will be creating a quilt that shows what we are thankful for. Each child will make a square for the quilt at home, either by themselves or with the help of a grown up.

Project: Thanksgiving Quilt Square

Return to school: Monday, November 14th, 2016

Materials: 9" x 9" square piece of fabric (felt is the easiest to use), glue, sewing materials (notions: ie. lace, buttons, sequins), photos. Please be sure that your fabric piece is exactly (or really close) to 9"X9".

Directions: Please help your child create a quilt square that shows what they are most thankful for. They can draw/paint/cut out pictures, glue, or sew items onto the square. Your child can be as creative as they want to be.

Requirements: The fabric must be 9" x 9" (please make this as exact as possible) and your child's name must show on the front of the quilt square.

Please feel free to e-mail us with any questions!

- First Grade Spanish POW- We hope you can join us on Wednesday, November 2nd when our 1st graders will present a very special POW all about Día de los Muertos. Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead.
- Family Mass – On November 6th our first graders will lead the 9:00 Mass with their fifth grade buddies. If your child is interested in serving at this Mass, please email us the 2 roles they are most interested in. We look forward to seeing all our first grade families attend this Mass together.
- We enjoyed meeting with all our first grade families for conferences. Thank you for taking the time to partner with us in your child's educational endeavors.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

Religion: We will continue our social skills curriculum lessons and focus on empathy training and problem solving strategies.

Reading: We have enjoyed learning about non-fiction text features this week. We have learned that captions tell more about photographs. Next week we will use the photographs you sent in to write captions. If you have not had a chance to send in 2 photographs for this project please send them in by Monday.

Writing: We have brainstormed topics for our personal narratives and next week we will begin writing our drafts!

Spelling: Our lessons will focus on: short vowel sounds are usually spelled with one vowel and new words can be made by adding -s, -ed or -ing to the end of words.

Math: We will begin our topic 2, on understanding subtraction. We will focus on learning how to subtract a part from the whole to find the difference.

Social Science: We will begin our social studies unit on work in the community. We will be focusing on how people get what they need and want.

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School News:

Volunteering/Volgistics - We are especially in need of hot lunch and Parish volunteers.

University of Portland STEM Night - Thursday, November 17, the University of Portland is offering a wonderful, free opportunity for families to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. See the attached flyer for additional information.

Wine Event - The annual Cathedral School Wine Tasting Event will be held Saturday, November 5, from 5:30p to 8:00p, in the school gym. Come stock your cellar for the holidays. A percentage of all sales will be donated to the school. The \$10 admission fee includes tastings and a Cathedral logo glass.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 31st - Halloween parade @1:30 & class parties after the parade

Sunday, November 6th - 1st and 5th grade Family Mass

Friday, November 11th - Veterans Day / No School

Wednesday, November 23rd - 11:30 Dismissal & Thanksgiving break

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th - Thanksgiving break / No School