

First Grade News November 4th, 2016

Classroom News:

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!

- Family Mass – This Sunday, November 6th our first graders will lead the 9:00 Mass with their fifth grade buddies. We look forward to seeing all our first grade families attend this Mass together.
- Halloween Thanks – We had a festive start to the week celebrating Halloween! Thank you to Mrs. Rawlinson, Mrs. Gallo, Mr & Mrs. Risotto-Scholtes, Mrs. King, & Mrs. Quinn, who took the time to thoughtfully plan and execute our classroom party. The children enjoyed a spooky story, BINGO, cute crafts and tasty treats.
- Christmas Program – Mrs. English is already hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas program. The first grade is going to be singing "The Friendly Beasts". They will be portraying different animals in the stable. Mrs. English would love animal masks for the first graders to wear during their performance, possibly made out of paper plates. She is in need of 4 cows, 4 donkeys, 4 doves and 4 sheep. If this is a project you are feeling up to tackling, please send us and/or Mrs. English an email. Thanks for your consideration!
- Star of the Week Schedule:
 - o 11/14-18: Grace

- o 11/28-12/2: Brendan
- o 12/5-9: Jenna
- o 1/9-13: Isabella

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. The kids did an awesome job being "reporters" and writing captions to tell more about their photographs. Look for these awesome projects in the hallway soon!

Writing: The first graders have planned and drafted their personal narratives. Next week we will continue working on these when we revise and edit them.

Spelling: Our lessons will focus on: making new words by changing one letter in an existing word (example: cat, change the vowel to get cut or change the ending sound to get can). We will also learn about contractions.

Math: We will continue topic 2, on understanding subtraction. We will focus on using different strategies to solve subtraction sentences.

Social Science: We will continue our social studies unit on work in the community. We will be focusing on how people save and spend money.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, November 9th – POW: Year of Mercy

Thursday, November 10th – Veterans Day assembly

Friday, November 11th – Veterans Day / No School

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

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