

First Grade News April 21st, 2017

Classroom News

Speech Festival:

Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD).

Along with this, first graders will participate individually in the classroom. Start thinking about a piece your child can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th.

Student's individual selections are due by *May 12th* and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

Note from 1st Grade Room Parents:

Did you get a chance to sign up to help for the Spaghetti Dinner?

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

Calling all volunteers! Surprise reader has moved to Wednesdays at 11:20 and we have lots of openings! 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 the Holy Spirit. We will be learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Reading

Next week we will begin learning about determining importance. We will learn to separate important information from interesting details.

Writing

We are having so much fun with our opinion writing projects! We will continue learning about opinion and persuasive writing next week.

Math

Next week we will begin topic 11, the focus is on subtracting with tens and ones. We will begin to practice subtracting numbers within 100. We will be using hundreds charts, base ten manipulatives and mental math to subtract.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will begin our study on farms. We will be focusing on imagining what it would be like to live on a small farm. Throughout this unit we will be researching various farm animals and using mapping, computation and “money” to build our own model farm.

Upcoming Events**April 24**

May lunch order deadline

April 26

8:20 POW by Student Council

Battle of the Books vs The Madeleine

April 28

Token Goal free dress

8:20 PBS and Student of the Month assembly

11:30 dismissal for Teacher Professional Development (Extended Care available)