

## **First Grade News February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Classroom News**

The first graders did a wonderful job presenting their ideas on love in our world during P.O.W. We are so proud of their leadership!

In first grade we use a variety of learning apps daily that require headphones. A handful of first graders do not have headphones or have headphones that no longer work. Please check with your child to see if they have working headphones at school. If not, please send in some headphones for school use. Thank you!

Next Tuesday is Valentine's Day! If your child wants to bring Valentines, (this is optional) they must have 1 for every student. We will exchange Valentines on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please do not write student names on Valentines. Our Valentine exchange will go a lot faster if names are left blank. Thank you for understanding and helping make this a fun activity! We have 17 students in our class. We will be making Valentine's bags at school to collect all of these special cards!

A special note from our wonderful room moms:

Mark Your Calendars: Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner: May 4th

The First Grade Parents are responsible for helping in the dining room (aka cafeteria!) for this year's Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner night on May 4th. Shifts will likely be posted on Volgistics by the middle of March, but mark your calendar now, so you keep the night open. This is the Parent Association task-of-the-year assigned to First Grade Parents so we will need all hands on deck to fill out the spots and keep the masses fed for the evening. It's always a fast and fun event and we will work side-by-side with the 7th Grade Students. If you have questions, just let us know, but jot down that date on your calendar. Thanks in advance!

Sara & Melissa

### **Star of the Week**

February 13-17 – Apolina

February 27-March 3 – Colton

March 13-17 – Dermot

April 3-7 - Isabella

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

Next week we will learn about Jesus the healer. We will also learn a little about Mother Teresa.

#### **Reading**

Next week we will learn strategies for answering questions, including gaining information from pictures as well as text and talking with peers.

**Writing**

Next week we will begin focusing on a different type of informational writing. We will begin to research penguins as a class in order to write an informational report as a class.

**Math**

Next week we will be finishing topic 5, the focus is on addition facts to 20. We will be making ten to add and solving word problems with three addends.

**Science/Social Studies**

Next week we will continue studying the properties of light. We will be working on answering how light can be used and developing models that use one light source to light up three “rooms” in different ways (bright, dull, shadow, colored filter, etc.).

**School News****Science Expo**

Cathedral School’s annual Science Expo is next Friday (Feb 17) 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. See the attached flyer for more information.

**Oregon Humane Society Service Project**

Next week (Feb 12-19) is the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) Service Project led by 7<sup>th</sup> grader Lily Ragan. Lily will be collecting funds and supplies for the dogs and cats living at OHS, with the goal of raising at least \$800 and over 100 items. The support of the Cathedral community for the last three years was so fantastic that she is still increasing her goals from last year! There will be bins at the front and side doors for donation items. Monetary donations should be left in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade box by the front office; checks should be written to Oregon Humane Society. You may also donate directly via the link below.

<https://secure.oregonhumane.org/LilyR>

All donations collected will be remitted to the OHS.

*“I am so happy to be continuing this for the third year in a row and I can’t wait to see how many donations I can get this year! Thanks again, Cathedral Community for helping the animals in need! I know you love them as much as I do!” - Lily Ragan*

**Snow Day Calendar Changes**

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, Regular School Day (President’s Day)

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Regular School Day (previously In-service Day)

March 10<sup>th</sup>, Half Day (11:30 dismissal), Conferences

April 14th, Regular School Day (Good Friday), Stations of the Cross, time to be

determined

**Upcoming Events**

February 14 – Valentine’s Day party

February 17 – Science Expo

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Auction