

First Grade News

January 22, 2016

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- o Sunday, January 31st kicks off Catholic Schools week! If your child wears their uniform to Mass on the 30th or 31st they will earn a free dress pass! Our school open house is from 10-12:30. Please spread the word to people you know who are looking for a great school and community for their children! We have attached an open house flyer if you would like to pass it on to prospective families.
- o **Coin drive-** Pre-K is leading us in our coin drive. Bring in your change to support our sister school, St. Vincent DePaul in Salem. Our goal is for each student to bring in \$2 worth of change. Pre-K is asking you to check your piggy banks, look in the couch cushions, take some cans and bottles back, and keep your eyes open to gather coins to bring into school. Thank you for your continued support with this fundraiser!
- o **Catholic Schools Week-**
 - Saturday: Cathedral Night at UP – watch the men's basketball team play Santa Clara at 7:00, students 6th grade and under get in for free!
 - Sunday: Family Mass & Open House
 - Monday: Dollars for denim/cents for Sweats – We will have a simple soup lunch and the proceeds will go to our sister school
 - Tuesday: 2nd & 6th grade Students Visit our sister school, St. Vincent De Paul School
 - Wednesday: Special Friends' Breakfast – each student may invite one adult "special friend" to join them for breakfast, tours of their classroom and the school
Mass with Bishop Smith at 9:30
 - Thursday: Vocation day – special guests will visit and share their careers and passions with students
Talent Show – Pizza will be for sale at 5:30 and the show begins at 6:30
 - Friday: Teacher Faith-formation/NO SCHOOL

Have a great weekend!

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Upcoming Events

1/25-1/29 – Coin drive

1/27 – POW by Spanish

1/29 – PBS Assembly & Token goal free dress!

1/31 – 1/4 – Catholic School's Week

2/5 – No School



SLE of the Week

January 25-29

I am committed to serving others.

Birthdays:

January 8– Connie
January 20– Francesca

Upcoming Star of the Week:

January 24-29– Avery

February 8-12– Paige

February 22-26– Lilly

February 29 – March 3– Charlotte

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

What we are learning next week:

<u>Religion</u>	We will begin our social skills curriculum next week. Next week's lessons will focus on learning to listen, focusing attention, following directions, self-talk and being assertive.
<u>Reading</u>	We are focusing on reading for a purpose. We are often reading a text more than once to deepen our understanding.
<u>Writing</u>	We continue to focus on informational writing. We will learn about writing an informational report. Next week, we will research penguins and write a report as a class. Each student will then be working on an individual animal report. Start asking your first grader what animal they might like to research and write about!
<u>Spelling</u>	We will learn about using commas to make lists in our writing. We will learn that some sounds are spelled more than one way. We will learn that when h follows c, t, s, or w the combination stands for a new sound. We will learn that short vowel sounds are usually spelled with one vowel.
<u>Social Science</u>	Next week we will begin studying our world in social science. We will be learning how the world is made up of different physical features and how we use maps, globes and models to represent places.
<u>Math</u>	We will continue with (and finish) topic 8, Tens and Ones. We will represent numbers in expanded form and show different ways to break apart numbers into tens and ones.