

## **First Grade News May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Classroom News**

A special thank you to all the first grade families for taking the time out of their busy schedules to help make the Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner a success. Our school couldn't put on these awesome events without the time and support from each of you! Thanks!

The Speech Festival is coming up! 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.

By now your child should have a piece in mind for the Speech Festival and might even be working towards memorizing it with personality ☺ - a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... Student's individual selections are due next Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. From this, three students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th.

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**

May 1-5 – Ivory

May 8-12 - Dylan

May 15-19 – Vincent

May 22-26 - Kayla

June 5-9 – Hannah

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

#### **Religion**

We will be learning about what it means to be a disciple. We will learn about serving God.

## **Reading**

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

## **Writing**

We are having so much fun with our persuasive writing projects! The students really love sharing their ideas!

## **Math**

Next week we will begin topic 12, the focus is on length and measurement. We will be comparing objects by length and using a variety of units to measure different objects.

## **Science/Social Studies**

Next week we will continue our study on farms. We will be mapping our farm and learning about how sheep and cows are useful on a farm. We will be learning about what the animals need and what they produce as well. First graders will have an opportunity to purchase as many sheep and cows that their heart and budget/land restraints allow them.

## **Upcoming Events**

### May 10

All School Rosary

### May 12

Individual Speech Selections due

### May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

### May 17

Mass @ 8:30

### May 23

P.O.W. @ 8:20

May 26

Early Release @ 11:30

May 29

No School – Memorial Day

May 31

Volunteer Mass by 1<sup>st</sup> grade