

First Grade News May 12th, 2017

Classroom News

THANK YOU for spoiling us with flowers, cards, treats and kindness during this week of staff appreciation (and always). We are so lucky to get to work with your children and share in their joy for learning and adventure.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Mother's day full of love and pampering! Your acts of love and kindness inside and outside of the classroom make all the difference!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." Proverbs 31:25-26

For the speech festival, the first grade class will be presenting the story The Cow Loves Cookies written by Karma Wilson. Your child will be receiving a specific part in the speech to practice reading and memorizing. We will be spending time in class to practice for this performance. On Thursday, June 8th we will be presenting our choral speech to the school. Parents are invited to watch the performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, first graders will participate individually in the classroom.

By now your child should have selected a piece for the Speech Festival and should be working towards memorizing it with personality ☺ - a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... Thank you for working with your first grader to select their special piece! We will be presenting speeches to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th.

Calling all volunteers! We have our very last first grade field trip scheduled for Friday, June 2nd. We will be visiting the Sauvie Island Center to further our study of farming. We will be learning about: seed to harvest, plant parts and pollination. This is an all day field trip where we will leave school at 9:00 and return around 2:00. Driver slots are open on Volgistics, we hope you can join us for this awesome field trip! Permission slips will come home closer to the field trip date.

School News

Second and sixth grades will host May's spotlight on service. The Mac Attack service project provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Sunshine Division. This two-week service project will begin on May 15th and end on May 26th. This was started at St. John Fisher several years ago and has become a competition between St. John Fisher, ourselves and a few other west side schools. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to your child's classroom starting May 15th.

Star of the Week

May 15-19 – Vincent

May 22-26 - Kayla

June 5-9 – Hannah

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about the making choices. We will learn about Adam and Eve.

Reading

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

Writing

We will end our year focusing on response writing. We will begin this unit by using what we have learned about opinion writing in order to write book and movie reviews.

Math

Next week we will finish topic 12 and begin topic 13, the focus of topic 13 is on time. We will be learning how to tell and write time to the hour and half hour.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue our study on farms. We will be mapping our farm and learning about how pigs and chickens 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 pigs and chickens that their heart and budget/land restraints allow them.

Upcoming Events

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 led by 1st grade

June 2

Farm Field Trip

June 8

Speech Festival

June 14

Field Day

June 16

Last Day of School

Early Release @ 11:30