



## First Grade News September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### Classroom News:

- **Star of the week**- Throughout the year each student will have the opportunity to be the "Star of the Week". We will hang up their "All About Me" poster that they completed for homework this week. They can bring in something for sharing (show and tell) each day of the week. They also get to be the line leader for the week and enjoy various other perks.
- **Surprise Reader**- Surprise reader is an opportunity for you to come into our classroom to share a favorite story or two with our class. You can sign up for this opportunity on Volgistics. The reading time is Friday from 11:20-11:40. We have 21 slots throughout the year this should allow each family to get in to read at least once.
- **Volunteering/Volgistics** – You may login to Volgistics to find parties, surprise reader and field trip driver volunteer opportunities. You may currently sign up for our KinderKonzerts and the pumpkin patch field trip.
- **Run 4 Cathedral** - pledge forms must be turned in to the student's teacher by next Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. The lap count will be added to the forms immediately after the Run and it will come home with the student on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

All money should be collected and turned in by Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you not send in cash with the forms. If your family and friends give you cash payments please write a check for the sum to send to school.

- We are beginning to collect various supplies for science investigations this year. If you have any of the items below that you are willing to donate to our class we would be very grateful!

\*Plastic Gerber baby food containers (need 16)

\*Various sized boxes (no bigger than a shoe box – need 16)

\*Toilet paper or paper towel rolls (need 16)

### Curriculum Focus for Next Week:

*Religion:* We will be focusing on God's gifts.

*Reading:* Our reading comprehension focus will be to develop an awareness of our thinking as we read, view and listen. We are also going to begin small group reading instruction.

*Writing:* We are going to be launching our Writer's Workshop. We will focus on developing topics and what makes a sentence.

*Math:* We will continue studying geometry. We will be learning about solid figures like a rectangular prism and a cone, we will focus on sorting and counting flat surfaces and vertices.

*Social Studies:* We will be learning about how leaders have different roles in different communities and the rules that citizens follow.

### School News:

Hot Lunch – Please keep in mind that each month's orders must be placed by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the previous month on the [orderlunches.com](http://orderlunches.com) website (September 24<sup>th</sup> for October lunches). We are unable to accept late orders. Ordering for October is now open.

Run 4 Cathedral –

Your child's run t-shirt came home with them today. Please be sure to keep track of the shirt as students need to wear it for the run on Friday. So far we have 6 out of 16 pledge forms returned. If you have not returned your pledge form, please turn it in by Tuesday. Thank you!

Volunteering/Volistics – We are especially in need of hot lunch and Run 4 Cathedral volunteers.

Extended Care – If you plan to use this service, your students must be preregistered. Morning Care begins at 7:00a and After School Care ends at 6:00p. All students will be \$5 for Morning Care, \$12 for After School Care, or \$15 for the full day. All fees will be billed via FACTS at the end of the month.

#### Upcoming Events:

Saturday, September 24 – October lunch order deadline

Wednesday, September 28 – POW by 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Friday, September 30 – PBS Assembly (8:20) & Run 4 Cathedral

Sunday, October 2 – Family Mass by 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, October 5 – All-school Rosary

Monday, October 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade KinderKonzert field trip

Wednesday, October 12 – Mass by Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Friday, October 14 – No School – Teacher in-service

Have a great weekend,

Mrs. Stephanie McCoy & Mrs. Gabi Kilkenny