

First Grade News

March 4, 2016

Upcoming Events

3/5 – School Auction

3/9 & 3/10 – Blanket tying

3/14 – Awareness day

3/16– Stations of the Cross
@8:30

3/17– Easter basket assembly



SLE of the Week

March 7-11

I follow Jesus' teachings while making decisions.

Birthdays:

March 21st – Evelyn

March 30th – Maeve

Upcoming Star of the Week:

March 7-11 – Vienna

March 14-18 – Maeve

April 4 –April 8 – Winston

April 11-15 – Holly

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

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- Thank you all so much for your generous Easter basket donations. We have just about everything we need to fill 50 baskets! If you would still like to bring in something, we could use small toys (bubbles, play doh, little games). Please place your family's contributions in the bin in our classroom by March 11. The little children and their buddies will assemble the baskets before spring break.
- We will be assembling Easter baskets on Thursday, March 17th from 8:45-9:15 in the first grade classroom. If you would like to volunteer to help with this, please let us know.
- We are also still collecting fleece donations for the first grade service project. If you would like to help make/tie the blankets for this project please email us or sign up outside of the first grade classroom. We still have lots of room if you would like to come tie blankets on Wednesday or Thursday after school.
- The lost & found is once again getting very full. At Spring Break we will be donating anything still in lost & found to charity. Please take some time in the next few weeks to see if anything belongs to your family. There are a lot of plaid items, uniform sweatshirts, fleeces, and other uniform items mixed in athletic wear, lunch boxes and water bottles. Items with a name are always returned to the owner, unfortunately many, many items turn up in lost & found without a name. You can help us by labeling your student's belongings, including coats and uniform items.

Have a great weekend!

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What we are learning next week:

<u>Religion</u>	We will continue to work on our second step lessons that focus on feelings. Next week we will focus on identifying feelings, strong feelings and calming down anger.
<u>Reading</u>	We will continue learning more about our inferring skills! We are using our background knowledge (schema) and clues from the text to make inferences.
<u>Writing</u>	We will continue our informational writing focus through spring break. We will be writing posters, how tos, and notes.
<u>Spelling</u>	We will review words spelled with silent e, rhyming words, and capitalization.
<u>Science</u>	We will continue our science unit on balance and motion. We will explore stable and unstable systems, using counterweights to change the center of mass of the systems.
<u>Math</u>	We will begin topic 11, which focuses on subtracting with tens and ones. We will use 100 charts, manipulatives and mental math to determine differences.