

First Grade News January 20th, 2017

Classroom News

Welcome back (again)! We are SO excited to be back at school and settling back into our learning routines.

Valentine's Day Party

We are still in need of some parent volunteers to help plan and host our classroom Valentines Party on February 14th from 1- 2:00. If you're able to help out with this fun volunteer opportunity, please login to Volgistics and sign up!

P.O.W. – Mark your calendar, on Wednesday, February 8th the first grade will be leading our school prayer service in the gym first thing in the morning. The first graders will be focusing on God's love and the love in our world. We hope to see you there!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about the holy trinity. We will also learn a little about St. Patrick.

Reading

For the next several weeks our comprehension focus will be on questioning. We will use text and images to help us understand. We will think and wonder about new learning.

Writing

For the next several weeks we will focus on procedural writing. We will study how-to writing and write a class how-to book.

Math

Next week we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction facts to 12. We will be using what we know about addition to help us compute subtraction number sentences.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will study our seven continents and four oceans. We will be discussing how different environments have different weather and natural resources.

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Spotlight on Service

The Pre-Kindergarten class is sponsoring a coin drive from January 23rd-27th. Bring in your change to support our sister school, St. Vincent DePaul in Salem. We currently have 237 students in our school community. If every child brought in at least \$2.00 in

coins we would have just under \$500. We want to reach \$500. Help meet this goal. Pre-K is asking you to check your piggy banks, look in the couch cushions, take some cans and bottles back, look in the car, keep your eyes open when you are walking along the sidewalk and gather the coins. Coins can be brought directly to classrooms. We will let everyone know if we met our goal at the assembly on Monday January 30th. Thank you for your support!

Catholic School's Week Mass (CSW)

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.

CSW Special Friend's Breakfast

On Wednesday, February 1st students have the opportunity to invite a special friend to Cathedral school to have breakfast, spend the morning with and attend Mass together. The morning with special friends runs from 7:50 to about 10:30. Now is the time to begin thinking about a special adult friend (grandparent, nanny, aunt/uncle, godparent) that your child would like to invite to share their school with.

Talent Show

If your child has turned in their permission slip for the talent show, auditions are next Tuesday. Please help your child to practice their act and ensure that any lyrics in a song they plan on using are appropriate for our Catholic School audience. Please see below for need to know dates.

- Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 3:10-4:00 – Practice
- Friday, January 27, 2017, 11:30-12:30 – Practice
- Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 2:30-3:30 – Dress Rehearsal
- Thursday, February 2, 2017, 2:00-3:00 & 7:00-8:00 – Talent Show

Upcoming Events

January 23-27 – Pre-K Coin drive

January 29 – Catholic School's Week Mass @ 9:00 & Open house

February 1 – Special Friend's Breakfast

February 2 – Talent Show @ 7:00

February 3 – No School

February 8 – First grade leads P.O.W.