

# First Grade News

April 1, 2016

Dear first grade families,

Here is the news for the week:

- A note from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade: This coming week is the Sugar & Spice Drive sponsored by Seventh Grade. All donations will go to the Blanchet House's Founders Café. This specific charity helps provide free hot meals to those in need. They provide meals for a lot of people, but more specifically men who are recovering from addiction, unemployment, or home and family issues.

The Seventh Grade is collecting sugar and spices all of next week. The reason we are doing this is because sugars and spices are the most expensive items that they have to purchase. The items that you can bring in are: salt, pepper, sugar (granulated, powdered, brown, etc.), and any other spices. This is a great way to help an amazing cause, every donation matters. Thank you for helping!

- Our April author of the month is Kevin Henkes! If you have any Kevin Henkes books at home that you are willing to loan to our classroom, we would love to read them to study his writing style.
- On Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> we will be attending a KinderKonzert. It will be our last concert this year and we will be hearing and learning about instruments from the percussion family. Thank you to the volunteer drivers who have made these concerts possible!
- Family Mass:** The Pre-Kindergarten and 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes will lead the 9:00am Mass this Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We invite all Cathedral families to join the Cathedral school community at this Mass.
- Next Thursday (April 7<sup>th</sup>) we will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddy auction item. We will be watching "The Peanuts Movie" and enjoying some tasty treats. There is still time to sign up for this awesome event for \$15. Please email if your child would like to join us.

Have a great weekend!

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## Upcoming Events

4/7 – Auction Buddy Movie  
from 3:30 – 5:30

4/8 – Report cards go home!

4/11 – KinderKonzert

4/20 – 11:30 Dismissal

4/22 – Dodgeball Tournament



## SLE of the Week April 4- 8

*I am reverent and  
pray in many  
forms.*

## Birthdays:

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Holly

## Upcoming Star of the Week:

April 4 –April 8 – Winston

April 11-15 – Holly

April 18-22 – Blake

April 25 – 29 – Warren

May 2 – 6 – Eva

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

## What we are learning next week:

<u>Religion</u>	We will continue with our second step lessons. Next week our lessons will involve dealing with accidents and showing care and concern.
<u>Reading</u>	We will launch our comprehension focus of determining importance. Next week we will learn to determine what a detail is. We will learn to find important information in texts.
<u>Writing</u>	We will launch our study of opinion/persuasive writing next week.
<u>Spelling</u>	We will learn that a long i sound at the end of a word is usually spelled with a y. We will expand on homophones.
<u>Social Science</u>	We will continue our unit on traditions we share. We will be learning about our Nation's celebrations and sharing our cultures.
<u>Math</u>	We will complete topic 12, which focuses on measurement. We will use various measurement units to compare, estimate, and measure length.