

First Grade News March 10th, 2017

Classroom News

Sip & STEM: Next Thursday (3/16) is the first grade auction event, from 3:10 – 5pm. It's not too late to sign up for your child to attend this event. The auction office has created a way to sign-up and pay online; watch for an email from them explaining the process. We will be working on St. Patrick's day themed engineering tasks.

On Monday, March 13th we will be attending a KinderKonzert. Please send in your child's car seat and drop it off in the courtyard next to your child's name. We will be learning about instruments in the woodwind family.

It's the time of year to begin thinking of the first grade service project. For our service project the first graders assemble Easter baskets to donate to Cares NW. Cares NW is a medical program which serves children who have been abused.

We are in need of the following materials for the first grade service project.

As you are out and about, please consider stocking up on the following:

- Stuffed Easter toys, rabbits, ducks, etc. (These toys are the most needed item!)
- Jelly beans and other Easter candy (Please make sure they are individually wrapped or in small, sealed bags.)
- A large assortment of stickers, pencils, novelty toys (bubbles, play doh, little games)

Please place your family's contributions in the bin in our classroom by April 7. The little children and their buddies will assemble the baskets on April 11th. If you're available the morning of the 11th, we're in need of parent volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please check Volgistics if this is something you are interested in.

We will also be collecting 1 – 1.5 yards of fleece fabric or money donations for the first grade service project to make fleece "tie blanketets" (see how-to link below). If you would like to help make/tie the blankets for this project please sign up via Volgistics. We will be making blankets after school on the 12th and 13th of April.

<https://snapguide.com/guides/make-a-no-sew-fleece-blanket-wout-bulky-knots/>

Surprise reader has moved from Fridays at 11:20 to **Wednesdays at 11:20**. If you would like to come in and read a favorite picture book to the first graders, please sign up via Volgistics. Surprise readers are also welcome to join their child for lunch on the day they come in.

Star of the Week

April 3-7 – Isabella

April 24-28 – Grier

May 1-5 - Ivory

May 15-19 – Vincent

June 5-9 – Hannah

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about how to show love. We will focus on showing love to God and to others.

Reading

For the next several weeks our comprehension focus will be on visualizing and inferring. Next week we will focus specifically on inferring. We will learn that we use our background knowledge and clues from the text to infer.

Writing

Next week we will work on publishing our animal reports. We will share these in our classroom, and will hopefully publish them on book creator.

Math

Next week we will finish topic 7 and begin topic 8, the focus of topic 8 is tens and ones. We will be learning how to show numbers as tens and ones.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue our social studies unit on how culture is shared. We will be using the Nearpod app to take virtual field trips to India and Ireland to compare and contrast the cultures and customs in different countries.

School News

Sugar & Spice Drive

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 items that you may 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 help!

Snow Day Calendar Changes

April 14th, Regular School Day (Good Friday), Stations of the Cross, time to be determined

Upcoming Events

March 13

Gr. K & 1 to KinderKonzert

March 15

8:30 Mass by Gr. PK & 4

March 17

End of 2nd Trimester

March 23

April lunch order deadline

Spirit Day sponsored by Student Council

March 24

Report cards go home

Token Goal free dress

8:20 PBS & Student of the Month assembly

9:30 All-Archdiocese 8th grade Mass

2:00 Cathedral Bowl