

First Grade News April 14th, 2017

Classroom News

Today in first grade we had a reverent morning moving through Stations of the Cross, presented by the seventh grade. The seventh graders did a great job reminding us of Jesus' love. We hope that you have a wonderful Easter weekend with your family.

Thank you to all the families who helped make the First Grade Easter basket service project possible. It is your generosity and support that make these opportunities possible for the students to take part in. Thank you to Mrs. Rawlinson for dropping off the baskets this morning to CARES NW.

In science, first graders are studying the Earth, Sun, Moon and Stars. This summer, on August 21st, we will experience a total solar eclipse. This is where the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the Sun. Next week we will be building pinhole eclipse viewers so that we can safely observe this event. *If you have any empty paper towel or toilet paper rolls that you could donate to the first grade, that would be greatly appreciated.*

Note from 1st Grade Room Parents:

Welcome back from Spring Break! The Annual Art Show and Spaghetti Dinner is just around the corner on Thursday, May 4th and will be here before we know it. This is the one Parents' Association event specifically assigned to 1st Grade Parents to help out with and every family is expected to volunteer for at least one shift. There are a variety of times and opportunities, so pick the one that works best for your family. The sign ups are on Volgistics which you can easily access from the school website parents' link page. And, a friendly reminder that the opportunities only will appear if you have completed your Call to Protect training.

Please sign up for your shift by Friday, April 14, so we can be sure we've got a full crew. If for some reason you can't make your shift, please be sure to find a substitute. The Kitchen Staff runs efficiently and needs all hands on deck to make the evening run smoothly. As you may remember from years past, it's a very fast night where a large number of meals are served to our school families. Most importantly, this is a very fun volunteer opportunity to work side-by-side with fellow first grade parents. Let's roll up our sleeves and chip in!

Here's what you'll see as volunteer options on Volgistics:

Kitchen Setup 3-4:15PM, Check-In Table 4:45 - 6:30PM & 6:15-

7:30PM, Greeters/Servers 4:45 - 6:30PM & 6:15- 7:30PM, Kitchen Help 4:45 - 6:30PM & 6:15- 7:30PM, Kitchen Cleanup 7-8PM

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask us! Sara & Melissa

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 join their child for lunch on the day they come in.

Star of the Week

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 responding to God. We will focus on the story of Noah and the ark.

Reading

Our current reading comprehension focus is on visualization and inferring. We will continue learning about how making a picture in our minds helps us understand what we are reading. We will also continue learning about inferring by pairing textual clues with our background knowledge.

Writing

We will continue to focus on persuasive and opinion writing. Our first project will be a group project. We will be studying modeled writing to learn more about the characteristics of persuasive writing.

Math

Next week we will finish topic 10, the focus is on adding with tens and ones. We will continue to practice to add two digit numbers within 100 and practice regrouping. We will be using hundreds charts, base ten manipulatives and mental math to add.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue our study on Earth's place in the Universe. We will be working on determining what kind of patterns can be found and predicted by observing the Sun, Moon and Stars. The first graders will create their own constellation and we will design models of solar and lunar eclipses.

Upcoming Events

April 16

Happy Easter!

April 19

8:30 Mass by staff

April 21

Middle School and Alumni Dodgeball Tournament sponsored by Gr. 8

April 24

May lunch order deadline

April 26

8:20 POW by Student Council

Battle of the Books vs The Madeleine

April 28

Token Goal free dress

8:20 PBS and Student of the Month assembly

11:30 dismissal for Teacher Professional Development (Extended Care available)