

First Grade News May 19th, 2017

Classroom News

Calling all volunteers! We need your help! We have only two drivers signed up to help for our very last first grade field trip scheduled for Friday, June 2nd. We will be visiting the Sauvie Island Center to further our study of farming. We will be learning about: seed to harvest, plant parts and pollination. This is an all day field trip where we will leave school at 9:00 and return around 2:00. Driver slots are open on Volgistics, we hope you can join us for this awesome field trip! Permission slips will come home closer to the field trip date.

For the speech festival, the first grade class will be presenting the story *The Cow Loves Cookies* written by Karma Wilson. We will be spending time in class to practice for this performance. On Thursday, June 8th we will be presenting our choral speech to the school. Parents are invited to watch the performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, first graders will participate individually in the classroom.

Please continue to help your child work towards memorizing their individual speech selection with personality. We will be presenting individual speeches on Tuesday, May 23rd at 1:30. You are welcome to come join us in the classroom for the presentations. From this, three students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th.

Star of the Week

May 22-26 - Kayla

June 5-9 – Hannah

School News

Second and sixth grades are sponsoring May's spotlight on service. The Mac Attack service project provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Sunshine Division. This two-week service project will begin on May 15th and end on May 26th. This was started at St. John Fisher several years ago and has become a competition between St. John Fisher, ourselves and a few other west side schools. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to your child's classroom starting May 15th.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about sin and asking for forgiveness. We will also begin to prepare for our class Mass which is on Wednesday, May 31st at 8:30. Each first grader will participate in the Mass in a special way. We hope you can join us for this very special Mass honoring our volunteers.

Reading

Next week we will begin learning about summarizing and synthesizing. We will use what we have learned about determining importance to help us retell stories and non-fiction pieces. We will focus on identifying main idea and details.

Writing

We will continue to work on response writing. We are writing about books we are reading in class.

Math

Next week we will continue topic 13, the focus is on time. We will be learning how to tell and write time to the hour and half hour.

Science/Social Studies

Next week we will continue our study on farms. We will be mapping our farm and learning about how chickens are useful on a farm. We will be learning about what the animals need and what they produce as well. First graders will have an opportunity to purchase as many chickens that their heart and budget/land restraints allow them.

Upcoming Events

May 23

P.O.W. @ 8:20

May 26

Early Release @ 11:30

May 29

No School – Memorial Day

May 31

Volunteer Mass led by 1st grade

June 2

Free Dress & PBS Assembly

Farm Field Trip

June 5

Eclipse Assembly and Planetarium

June 8

Speech Festival

June 14

Field Day

June 16

Last Day of School

Early Release @ 11:30