

First Grade Newsletter

October 2019



Happy Fall! The students have been adjusting nicely to the first grade routine. As fall begins, we will notice the changes that the season brings. We will celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi in the beginning of the month. St. Francis loved animals. Students are welcome to bring in pictures of their pets and/or favorite animals to share with their classmates. We will also learn about Christopher Columbus, and his important contributions to America.

In ELA, students will continue Unit One in the Journeys reading series. We will focus on the short vowel sounds. We will be learning to identify main idea and parts of a story. We will learn to ask and answer questions about the stories we read. We will be continuing to express our ideas through writing.

In Religion we will complete Unit 1. Unit 1 was a study of God's creation. We learned that God created all things, and God loves all of His creation. We learned about Jesus, who is God's son and the greatest gift to us. Since He has given us so many gifts, it is good to thank God for all of our blessings!

In Math, students will continue to work on addition facts to 10. We will complete working with a number line using our name plates and rulers. We will begin our subtraction unit and learn how to decompose numbers from 10. We will learn various ways to take apart numbers and model our work. It is important that the students continue to practice their addition facts. Math flash cards and games are a great way to build math fluency. Please remember, that when completing homework it is critical that students are able to draw/model and explain their work.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your cooperation during this first month of school. We are looking forward to continuing our work together in order to help our students be successful.

Here is a special birthday reminder for all first graders and first grade parents. If you intend to send out birthday invitations through the teacher in the classroom, please invite all children in the class. For occasions where you are unable to invite the whole class, please send invitations out independently.

Everyone will be receiving a class contact list, which will enable you to contact other parents within the class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through e-mail, note, or phone.

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