

Mrs. Jung * Mrs. Schneider
First Grade Newsletter
January 13, 2017



Upcoming Events

Grace Basketball Shootout Tournament- 1/12-1/15
No School- 1/16 Teacher Inservice
Lutheran Schools Week- 1/22-1/29
Singing in Church: January 29th 11:00am
Singing in Church: February 19th 9:30am
Singing in Church: March 12th 8:00am
Singing in Church: April 2nd 9:30am
Singing in Church: May 14th 8:00am

Reminders

Thank you so much for bringing in your food donations for the Shootout tournament! This tournament raises so much money which is invested right back into our classrooms- your small contribution goes a long way to help!!!
As Valentine's Day approaches think of a fun bag or box you can decorate with our child for their valentines to go in. Each child can also bring in Valentines to share with their class. We have 17 students.

Spelling/Phonics

This week we focused on beginning blends Sc, Sk, Sl. We sorted our words by which blend they begin with and also used context clues to see which spelling word belonged in a sentence. Students also had extra practice by completing various spelling activities on spelling city.

Workshops/Grammar

We started Literature Circles in Workshops this week. We will have one of these jobs each week to help us dig deeper into our reading: Summarizer, Word Wizard, Illustrator, Connector, and Discussion Director. This week we learned how to summarize our story using a few sentences and the words: First, Next, After, Also, and Finally. Our word work this week was writing a story with our spelling words and using a key to make math problems with the letters in our words.

Religion

We heard about epiphany this week, the remembrance of the three wise men visiting Jesus. We talked about how old Jesus may have been, and that they were not still in the stable as many pictures show us. We also heard about the work of the Holy Spirit to help us believe. A man named Nicodemus was a Pharisee who normally would not talk with Jews, but the Holy Spirit worked in him to believe what Jesus said! He works in our hearts too!

Grammar

Our focus in Grammar this week was Past and Present Verbs. We reviewed that verbs are action words and practiced reading, writing, and changing the tense of a verb. It helped us to understand the meaning of the different verb tenses by using the words yesterday and now with them. Yesterday I ran OR now I ran?!

Science/Social Studies

We continued with our Human Body unit this week. Did you know your heart is a muscle? Just like the brain, your heart is divided into two halves and its' main function is to circulate blood throughout the body. We also learned that your kidneys are the about the size of a computer mouse and that they help to filter out waste from the blood. Your lungs transport oxygen into your body and take away carbon dioxide when you breathe out. Students made a lung craft to help show how their lungs work.

Math

In math this week we learned addition facts with sums of 12. We also focused on similarities and differences in coins and practice counting nickels. How much is a nickel worth? Students also practiced writing the date using digits. We learned today's date can be written 1/13/17. We finished the week creating and reading a graph and a venn diagram.

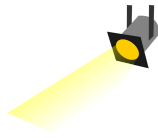
This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Kindness

Artist: Wassily Kandinsky

Author: Tomie dePaola

Student: Hannah



Important Links

First Grade Class Website:

www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site

[:https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020](https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020)

WELCOME WYATT -

At the start of the month we welcomed a new friend into our classroom. He has been a wonderful fit in our group and has done a great job adjusting to a new school. We are so happy to have him at Grace. Please welcome him along with his mom and dad to our Grace Family when you see them!!

HELP 5K-

Mrs. Knuppenburg is looking for rinsed out milk jugs to build her annual igloo in Kindergarten. Please help them out by rinsing your milk jug with soap and bringing it in with no cap! Thank you so much!