

Mrs. Jung * Mrs. Schneider
First Grade Newsletter
January 20, 2017



Upcoming Events

Lutheran Schools Week- 1/22-1/29
Jump Rope for Heart-1/23 10:00 am
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

Save the date next Friday night January 27 will be family movie night in the gym! Movie will start at 6:30, bring a snack to share with your family.

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

Sm-, Sn- and Sp- beginning blends were are spelling patterns this week. Have your child tell you some words that fit into our pattern. Students practiced sorting words by what beginning blend they started with. Also we reviewed synonyms and antonyms by finding a synonym and an antonym for each of our spelling words. We continue to use spelling city during center time to help practice and review our spelling patterns we have learned so far.

Workshops/Grammar

We continued with Literature Circles in Workshops this week. Each group shared their summaries of what they read from last week. We also learned how to be a word wizard. A word wizard looks for important words in the reading. Those words can be words that a student cannot read, words that they do not know the meaning of or words that they think are juicy words.

Religion

We reviewed Nicodemus' story. We read about how The Holy Spirit helped Nicodemus to know that whoever believes in Jesus will be saved and have life with God. Jesus told Nicodemus to believe and trust about His love and about the new life He brings. We also discussed how Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazereth to teach the people and to tell them he was the Savior. It is important to give thanks that Jesus gives us the freedom we need from the sin that hold us prisoner.

Grammar

Our focus in Grammar this week continued to be Past and Present Verbs. We reviewed what verbs are. We sorted verbs into past, present or future verbs. Where would jump, jumped and jumping belong? Students also sorted sentences into past tense, present tense and future tense. Where would the sentence "I laughed at the joke. Belong"? How about "It is raining," and "We are going to the mall soon."?

Science/Social Studies

We read about our largest organ, the skin this week. We talked about how it keeps us safe by helping us feel pain or temperature and how it covers and protects our skeleton and all our internal organs. We also learned about our muscles. Did you know that it takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown? We read how some muscles are voluntary, like running and some are involuntary like breathing.

Math

This week in math we practiced ordering two-digit numbers from least to greatest. We also focused on addition facts with sums of 13 and 14 we discovered we already know most of the facts with these sums! We took our 2 minute timed math fact assessment. Don't forget to be practicing those facts at home! Money has been a big concept we continue to work on, this week we practiced counting dimes, pennies and nickels.

This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Kindness

Artist: Wassily Kandinsky

Author: Tomie dePoala



Important Links

First Grade Class Website:

www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site

:<https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020>