

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
January 27, 2017



### Upcoming Events

Singing in Church: January 29th 11:00am  
Grace Classic Tournament: February 9-12  
Singing in Church: February 19th 9:30am  
Milwaukee Public Museum Field Trip: March 9  
Singing in Church: March 12th 8:00am  
Singing in Church: April 2nd 9:30am  
Singing in Church: May 14th 8:00am

### Reminders

Don't forget this Friday night is Family Movie Night at 6:30 in the gym. Finding Dory will be the movie shown. Remember to bring a snack to share!

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

Our focus this week continued to be S blends. Our S blends this week were words with Sw- and St- beginnings. Students worked with partners this week to sort their words and complete their vocabulary practice page. They decided which Sw- and St- words were Nouns and which ones were verbs. We also putting our spelling words into sentences.

### Workshops/Grammar

For Literature circles we learned how to be the illustrator. We choose an important part to the story, and illustrate it. We need to make sure we include enough detail so our group can understand which part of the story we picked. This was a great connection to our special guest on Wednesday. Author and Illustrator Gary Harbo came and shared a lesson with us on being an illustrator. We loved it and made a character of our own!

### Religion

Our Virtue is Kindness and we talked about ways we can show random acts of kindness to those we know and those we don't know. We made a board in the hallway and wrote a random act of kindness on a post it note. Our goal is that others in the school will be encouraged to participate and spread kindness to those around them as well!

### National Lutheran Schools Week

Some of the fun things we did this week: Wear the same color everyday, Jump Rope for Heart, STEM bottle flipping science activity, Author/Illustrator visit, Kohls Wild Theater, Buddy activity decorating prayer rocks for church members, Nationwide sing along streamed live in the chapel, thank you cards to church members who support our school, special writing project, special treats, and more. SO MUCH FUN!

### Science/Social Studies

The Human Body was fun and interesting to learn about the past few weeks. We completed many in class activities and watched videos on how different systems in our body work together. As we finished the Human Body unit we switched our focus to Social Studies.

We kicked off our Social Studies unit on American Symbols. Students will get to learn about the various symbols that represent America through readings, hands on activities and pictures.

### Math

What is symmetry? We explored this question by creating symmetrical designs which the students had a great time making. We also explored how to add two digit numbers using dimes and pennies to help us. If I have 24 ¢ and add 52 ¢ to that how much cents do I have now? Ask your child to model this question and answer for you.

### This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Kindness  
Artist: Wassily Kandinsky  
Author: Jan Brett  
Student: Dominic



### Important Links

First Grade Class Website:  
[www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com](http://www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com)  
School Sycamore Site  
<https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020>

National Lutheran Schools Week Highlights!



