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First Grade Newsletter
January 6, 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

We only go out in the snow when the ground is completely covered with snow. If the temperature is over 10 degrees we will still use the blacktop for outdoor recess. Make sure gloves, hats, and boots are packed so we can stay warm when we get fresh air!

Each first Grade Family has been asked to bring a pan of finger jello next FRIDAY to help support the kitchen at the Shootout Tournament. This is a great event to attend and show your Raider Pride! 1st Grade Half Pint Players will play on Friday Night! See the office if you would like more information on any of this.

Spelling/Phonics

In spelling this week we reviewed words that have a beginning L blend. Students sorted the words into five different beginning L blend. We discovered our pattern this week was gl, cl, fl, pl and bl words. We also had a chance to practice our spelling words by playing spelling games and taking a practice test on spelling city.

Workshops/Grammar

We spent this week reviewing strategies and story elements as a large group. We dug into a few of our Author of the Month, Tomie dePaola's stories. We discussed storylines and compared storylines between a few of his books. We also learned a fun new way to practice Spelling in Workshops - roll and spell! We worked on finding appropriate level books to be testing on, and were reminded we need to be taking at least one test in our level per week!!

Religion

As we continued to talk about the amazing Christmas story we are learning how Jesus was a boy and played just like us. We read about how he grew up, and who some of his friends were. We heard about his baptism, by John the Baptist. We connected this to our own lives and loved hearing different baptism stories from our friends. We heard of believers young and old joining God's family through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Grammar

We are finishing up a unit on using commas. We are very good at identifying a list within a sentence, and adding the commas where they need to go. We also took a look at present and past tense verbs. We did this after reading a fun book about nouns and verbs having a field day. We know nouns and verbs need to work together, and that they can be used in different 'tenses' to convey a different meaning.

Science/Social Studies

This week we kicked off our human body unit. Did you know the human body is made up of 206 bones, 600 muscles and 22 internal organs? Students read about our skeletal system, we learned that it protects our organs and helps us to move. We also read about our brain and found it is like a computer, it stores memory and controls everything from your thoughts and feelings to your movements and decisions. Ask your child what is another interesting

Math

In math this week we did various activities. We started the week off naming fractional parts of a whole. We worked on naming $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ of a whole. We also practiced our money counting skills by trading pennies for dimes and found that 10 pennies is the same as 1 dime. Students got an opportunity to practice measuring to the nearest inch using a ruler. We finished the week adding to a two digit number.

fact they learned about the brain.

This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Generosity

Author: Tomie dePoala



Important Links

First Grade Class Website:

www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site

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