

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
March 3, 2017



Upcoming Events

Milwaukee Public Museum Field Trip: March 9  
School Auction: March 10th  
Singing In Church: March 12th 9:30 am  
Singing In Church: April 2nd 9:30am  
NO School Easter Break: April 13-23  
Singing In Church: May 14th 8:00am  
Last Day of School, 10:30 Dismissal: June 1

Reminders

- Thank you for your auction basket donations. We had enough to make two HUGE baskets. There will be an art basket and a craft basket in the silent auction. Thank you also to Rachel Tillman who made a beautiful canvas using each student's hands.

Spelling/Phonics

This week we learned when to add -ing and -ed to the end of our words. The three rules we learned when adding -ed, and -ing are  
Just one? Double the fun!  
Ex: clap- clapped  
clap-clapping  
See two? Adding the Ending is All You do!  
Ex: miss-missed  
Miss-missing  
Silent e? Drop it Please!  
Ex: bake-baked  
bake-baking

Workshops/Grammar

We are working hard at independent work and being able to read, write, and reflect. We are getting ready for more independent work in Second Grade by reading our own directions, finding our spelling words on the website, and building our reading stamina. We worked on being word wizards this week - finding words we don't know, we are unsure what they mean, or we think are juicy or interesting words. For word work we wrote a letter to the teacher using our list words. This is good practice applying our spelling words to our everyday writing!

Religion

We heard about the Prophet Elijah this week. We learned that he was called by God to stand up to the wicked king Ahavb. He challenged the people worshipping Baal by building an altar to God and showing God's power! We also saw God's power when we heard how Elijah went into Heaven on a chariot of fire.

Author Study

We read the book "The Hat". It is similar to the book we read last week called "The Mitten". We compared the two books as to what was similar or different. When we made connections between the books we recognized this as a text to text connection.

Science/Social Studies

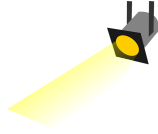
This week we worked on putting together our rough drafts for our non-fiction animal stories. We read and wrote about what our animal eats, looks like, habitat and the life cycle of our animal. Students are really enjoying this unit!

Math

For Math this week we practiced measuring to the nearest half inch. We also used addition to add two digit numbers with a sum greater than 100. Students created 3 digit numbers using base ten blocks. We ended the week introducing subtracting three facts.

### This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Kindness  
Artist: Wassily Kandinsky  
Author: Jan Brett  
Student: Carter F.



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

### Week Highlights:

