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First Grade Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

November 17 and 21- Parent Teacher Conferences

November 23-25 - NO SCHOOL

December 14- Christmas Program

Reminders

*Report cards will be sent home next week. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Thursday November 17 and Monday November 21st. It looks like a few families still need to sign up, an e-mail should have been sent for you to pick a time. We will send reminders home with your child reminding you the day and time you signed up.

Spelling/Phonics

Our Spelling pattern this week were words that all started with beginning blends fr-, tr-, gr- or pr. We sorted the words by what blend they started with and practiced writing them during word work time. We found what words were nouns and what words were verbs. Students also added either a -ed, -s, -ing, -es or-y to the end of their words to create a new word.

Workshops/Grammar

We talked about a new type of word this week- VERBS. Verbs are action words, something that a noun can do. We asked ourselves if the word was an action- and tried to act it out ourselves. We also practiced writing and illustrating verbs in our interactive grammar notebook. We read in workshops this week as well as completed sight word and STAR assessments to look at our first trimester reading progress- wow! We have already learned so much!

Religion

The Israelites have made it into the wilderness, through their miraculous Red Sea departure! We are learning about their struggles and also the way God provides. He sent manna and quail to them when they were hungry. We also heard about the 10 commandments. Our virtue this month is Thankfulness and we started talking about things and people we are thankful for in our every day lives.

Art

We finished up our 'own' Mona Lisa's. We had a Mermaid Mona Lisa, a Brewers Mona Lisa, a mail woman Mona Lisa, and many many more creative takes on the famous work. We also took look at daVinci's. We wrote about the painting and inspected it's elements.



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Science/Social Studies

This week we introduced our magnet unit in science! We brainstormed what we already know about magnets and what we want to learn. Students used a magnet to discover which objects were magnetic and what which objects were not. First Graders were introduced to magnetic force and loved exploring with magnets during our science center time!

Math

During Math this week we divided shapes in half to help identify $\frac{1}{2}$. We identified if a fractional part of a whole is closer to 0, $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1. On Tuesday we explored $\frac{1}{2}$ by folding paper squares in half two different ways. We also learned our doubles plus 1 facts, which students should have brought home a practice sheet for. We ended the week by taking our fourth math test, the last one of the first trimester!

This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Thankfulness
Artist: Leonardo daVinci
Author: Lois Ehlert
Student: Allison



Important Links

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