

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
November 4, 2016



Upcoming Events

November 6- 9:30 Sing in Church

November 17, 18, 21- Parent Teacher Conferences

November 23-25 - NO SCHOOL

December 14- Christmas Program

Reminders

\* There was a report of head lice in the lower grades. It was not someone in first grade but we are being careful with our belongings. Checking your child's hair often can help catch the spread of lice. We are taking precautions at school as well. School should be notified immediately if lice has been found at home. It is an unfortunate situation but there is no fault or blame in the spread of lice and we can all just do our best to prevent or take care of it! Thanks for your help in checking and your respect in dealing with this!

Spelling/Phonics

Our spelling pattern this week was words that start with either a br-, cr- or dr- consonant blend. A consonant blend is when two or three consonants make a distinct consonant sound. We sorted our words into what consonant blend they started with, practiced writing our words in a sentence and searched for words that begin with one of our consonant blends.

Just a reminder that students first take the spelling test on Wednesday then on Friday they are tested on the words they misspelled.

Workshops/Grammar

All groups worked on story mapping this week. We read at our level and discussed the story we read. We focused on naming problem and solution and being able to retell what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Our grammar time this week was spent reviewing different types of nouns. We still have some trouble knowing the difference between common, proper, possessive, and plural/singular.

Religion

We continued to learn about God's people in Egypt. We heard about the 10 plagues and how God showed his power. We also learned about the Passover and Pharaoh's decision to finally let the people go. We talked about the Promise Land and how God's people have shown faith in him that he will bring them there one day. We related all of this to our own trials in life, our faith and patience, and what God has in store for us when our journey on Earth ends.

Art

We continued to look at daVinci this week. We saw one of the most famous works of art ever created that he completed- the Mona Lisa. He was famous as an artist, architect, inventor, and engineer in his own lifetime- which is rare for artists. We drew our own "Mona Lisa's" with colored pencil.

### Science/Social Studies

This week in Social Studies we learned a citizen is a person who belongs to a country. We talked about ways we can be a good citizen. Students also read about how laws help people to get along and that a law is a rule that people must follow. They also created a flip chart on what is a leader and talked about leaders in our country (Mayor, Governor and President). Today we read Duck for President and got to vote for either Duck or Farmer Brown. We also had an all school mock election complete with speeches and ballots- put on by the 7th graders.

During Center time students also created maps of our classrooms since we have been discussing how to read a map and the directions North, East, South, West.

### Math

For Math this week we took a look at adding 10 to a single digit number. We also learned our adding 9 facts. Students should have brought home a adding 9 fact practice sheet on Monday, so keep practicing those facts. On Tuesday we took our third math assessment of the year and students did pretty well on it!

We also had fun learning about common geometric shapes and sorting them into groups. Today we drew pictures and wrote number sentences for Some, Some More and Some, Some went away stories.

We will have our next Math Assessment next Friday!

### This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Thankfulness

Artist: Leonardo daVinci

Author: Lois Ehlert



### 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>