

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
October 14, 2016



### Upcoming Events

October 17- Pumpkin Farm/Horicon Marsh Field Trip  
October 21- NO school/Teacher Inservice  
October 23- Sing in Church 8am  
October 28- Trunk or Treat- 5pm AT CHURCH  
Happy Birthday Adalynne - October 12th  
Happy Birthday Carsten! October 14th

### Reminders

\*Our Field Trip is on Monday- don't forget to dress for the weather and send a lunch with a drink for your child!  
\* There is a 'giving tree' outside of our classroom with items we will need throughout the year. If you are wanting to help and donate one of these items, please take a leaf and return the item to our classroom.  
Thanks in advance for your generosity!

### Spelling/Phonics

This week our spelling words started with Vh-, Ch- or Th-. At the beginning of the week we sorted our words into Vh-, Ch- or Th-. We practiced spelling words by writing them in pencil, pen and marker. We matched synonyms and antonyms to our spelling words and used context clues to figure out what word belongs in the sentence.

Next week we will not have spelling since we have our field trip on Monday and No school for students on Friday!

### Workshops/Grammar

Workshops went well again this week. We continue to fall into our routine each week. We practiced spelling words during word work with pyramid words and pen/pencil/marker practice. In groups we are working on responding to reading verbally and with written response. We looked at short vowel sounds as a reviewed, and used the smartboard as a tool for practice.

We continued to work on possessive nouns in Grammar this week. We talked a lot about using an apostrophe and practiced changing the meaning of words and phrases with this one important punctuation!

### Religion

We were introduced to our new virtue this week, Self Control. Our lesson began with a jelly bean in front of each of us. We had to, unknown to us, use self control while Mrs. Schneider talked to us. It was a great visual lesson to us and sparked a great conversation of how we can use self control of our bodies and mind to be good followers of Christ. We also heard about Jacob and Isaac, the power of forgiveness, and the importance of honesty and trust!

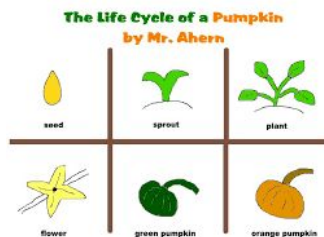
### Author's Study

This week we read the story "Planting a Rainbow". We responded to this fun story by choosing our favorite part of the planting process and writing about it. This was a great connection to Science and to our strategy work in Reading Workshops!



### Science/Social Studies

We had an exciting week in Science this week. We learned about different animal body coverings like how some animals have fur to help keep them warm, how some animals have feathers. Students also found out that an animal who only eats meat is called a carnivore, an animal that only eats plants is called a herbivore and an animal that eats both meat and plants is called an omnivore. To finish our science unit students got to complete an activity about the life cycle of a pumpkin! Which is a great fit for our field trip to the pumpkin Farm on Monday! Next week we will start our Social Studies unit on communities.



### Math

We had a busy week in math this week! Students practiced telling time one hour ago, and one hour from now. Ask your child if we have centers at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is one hour from then, what time do we have lunch?/ If it is 4:00 p.m. and school got out one hour ago what time did school get out? We had fun learning about even and odd numbers. We found out that even numbers end in 0,2,4,6,8 and odd numbers end in 1,3,5,7,9. They found that even number of things can be divided into groups of two without any leftovers and an odd number of things will always have one leftover when we divide them into groups of two. We also learned the names that tell us the place of something when there are twelve things in a row (first, second, third.....twelfth). We ended the week taking our second math test, which students will be bringing home today and learning about new addition facts (adding 2). Keep practicing those facts at home :)

### This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Self Control  
Artist: Vincent Van Gogh  
Author: Lois Ehlert  
Student: Adalynne



### 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>