

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
October 20, 2016



Upcoming Events

October 21- NO school/Teacher Inservice  
October 23- Sing in Church 8am  
October 28- Trunk or Treat- 5pm AT CHURCH  
November 17, 18, 21- Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 23-25 - NO SCHOOL  
December 14- Christmas Program

Reminders

- \*No School Tomorrow Friday the 21st
- \* 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!
- \* Please make sure you send a sweatshirt or jacket with your child each day. We have been blessed with nicer weather but it can be unpredictable and we have had a few chilly recess times!

Spelling/Phonics- Field Trip

We had no spelling words this week! Students worked on creating Thank you letters for Horicon Marsh and Waldvogel's Farm. We had a great time on our field trip learning about habitats, creating a food web and examining the creatures we found in the pond. Students also had fun at the pumpkin farm picking out a pumpkin and exploring all the different activities they had for us to do!

Thank you to all the parents who helped chaperone, it was greatly appreciated!

Workshops/Grammar

We had so much fun doing workshops together this week. We read *My Pumpkin* as a class and completed a pumpkin story map together. We talked about story elements such as setting, problem, and solution. We reviewed short and long vowel sounds and ways to make these sounds (magic e, two vowels 'walking', etc) We then shorted words on pumpkins to show we know the difference between short and long vowels when we read. Finally, we read *Feelings* and wrote a 'feelings' poem about the change in seasons. During Grammar we reviewed all types of nouns with a fun Smartboard game.

Religion

Joseph endured a tough time with his jealous brothers and we learned his story this week. We heard about the jealousy and betrayal that happened. We heard how he ended up in Egypt helping the King and eventually becoming a Prince. God kept Joseph safe no matter where he was, just like he does for us today! We started learning about Moses and his incredible story that started when we was rescued as a baby in a basket!

Author's Study

Our Lois Ehlert book this week was *Flora*. We remember that Lois Ehlert loves to incorporate nature into her stories. We connected this story to art this week as we traced leaves in crayon and added color using a wax resist process with watercolor paints.

### Science/Social Studies

For Science Students did a pumpkin experiment. We became scientists and made predictions about our pumpkin, (how many pounds we thought it weighed, how tall we thought it was, how big around, how many lines it had and if we thought it would sink or float). After making our predictions we, we found out the actual results to each question. Check out your child's pumpkin sheet to see how well we predicted.

This week we introduced types of communities in Social Studies, we discussed what a city is, what a town is and how farms are usually found in the country. We talked about how these places look like and sound like.

Students also created a "me on the map" where they located what continent, what country, what state and what city they lived in.

### Math

This week in math we talked about the days during the week and how Monday-Friday are weekdays and Saturday and Sunday are considered weekend days. We picked our favorite day of the week and made a class picture graph. Ask your child what day of the week had the most students and which had the least.

We continued to practice our math facts (adding 0, 1, 2 and double facts).

### This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Self Control

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>



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