

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
October 7, 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

Reminders

\*Our Field Trip is on the 17th- you still have time to come along, just let us know!

\* 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!

Science/Social Studies

This week we were introduced to different plant and animal habitats. We learned about animals and plants in North America as well as the Amazon Rainforest. During Centers students also got to sort parts of a plant with carrots, spinach, sunflower seeds, broccoli and celery. They were very excited to taste test those!

Workshops/Grammar

We all met with Mrs. Schneider in small groups! We read together, and worked on comprehension strategies. We also looked at the magic e and practiced making new words by adding e to the end. We are all reading at different levels, which is great, but we are able to discuss strategies and story elements at the same level!

Art

We used our art time this week to finish our study on Van Gogh. We reviewed our key vocabulary words landscape, portrait, and still life. We finished our self portraits to display at open house. We had fun practicing drawing our friends from life using sketch lines and colored pencils.

Author's Study

This week we said goodbye to Kevin Henkes and hello to Lois Ehlert. We learned that she, like Kevin, lives in Wisconsin. We were excited to hear that Mrs. Schneider has met her! Lois loves nature and everything hands on! She has written many books and won lots of awards!

Religion

A highlight of our week was praying with M&Ms with our buddies. We each got a pack of M&Ms and prayed for something different as we ate each color. The colors represented different things such as a family member, ourselves, our country, etc. Our bible story this week was still about Abraham. We talked about God's promises to him. We learned how God blessed him with a son, Isaac, after a long long time of waiting. He and his wife Sarah laughed when they heard she would have a baby when she was almost 100 years old!

Math

Students had their first Math test last Friday, they all did pretty well! This week we made designs with our pattern blocks, seeing how many shapes fit into a design. We also learned about Some, Some Went away stories. Ask your student to tell you a Some, Some Went away story! Don't forget to practice those math facts (adding 0, adding 1 and those double facts).

### Spelling/Phonics

This week we learned about the magic or bossy e. Ask your child what happened to our words when we added the magic e to the end of our words. They found out when you add that bossy e it makes the vowel in the word say its name! We sorted our words into short vowel and long vowel. Next week's words can be found on the back, don't forget to practice!

### Grandparent's Day

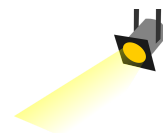
We loved preparing for and hosting our Grandparents this week. We had over 500 people together for activities, snacks, and worship. What a blessing! It was great to be together and show our grandparents what we have been up to! We had a special craft for our grandparents and did a scavenger hunt around our room to learn about first grade at Grace!

### Gym

On Tuesdays we have gym with Mrs. Jelinski and Fridays with Mrs. Schneider. We are getting used to the gym and our rules/procedures. We worked on knowing our muscle groups and feeling each one when we warm up and cool down. We have so enjoyed learning all the new fun games we will play throughout the year, ask your child which one is their favorite!!!!

### 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>