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First Grade Newsletter
September 23, 2016



Upcoming Events

September 25- Sing In Church 11am service
October 4- Back to School Open House
October 7-Grandparents Day and Early Dismissal
October 17- Pumpkin Farm/Horicon Marsh Field Trip

Reminders

*If your child has a cold lunch but needs a spoon please send one from home. We have extras they can use if they forget but it is helpful if they have their own from home!

Science/Social Studies

What is a scientist? Ask your child what they think. This week was our first week of science. We had fun being scientists and trying out some experiments during center time and during our science block. Students learned about the scientific process and how a scientist makes predictions, does an experiment, observes and writes down his/her observations. We explored what happens to an apple when you put lemon juice, brown sugar, salt and water on an apple slice. We also did a penny experiment to see what solution (water, water and soap or salt and vinegar) would clean the penny better.

Workshops/Grammar

Our first week of workshops was successful! We are still learning the routines and how to operate our own chromebooks but we are working hard. We were able to meet in small groups talking about why we read and what level we will learn at. We also practiced our spelling words with 'pattern words' and 'vowel power' in Word Work. We are using Raz-kids for chromebook time and we worked on finding our correct reading level.

We moved from common nouns to proper nouns in Grammar. We discussed how we give a special gift to proper nouns because they are so special and unique. The gift is a capital letter and we use these when we are talking about a specific person, place, or thing!

Religion

We learned about the great leader, Noah. We heard about the problems people were having and how Noah had faith and 'walked worthy' among the sinners. He was faithful through it all- creating a huge boat to save animals and his family. He praised God and was given a promise by God. That rainbow that Noah saw stands as a great symbol of God's promises. We talked about how we too can be faithful in times that are hard and we can praise God because he promises to always love us and be with us!

Math

We have been working hard on practicing and memorizing our doubles facts sums to 18. Feel free to practice them at home as well. We talked about identifying ordinal position (first, second third, fourth, fifth, sixth etc). We also created and acted out some more story problems plus we compared numbers to 50.

Next Friday will be our first math test! I will send out a reminder next week!

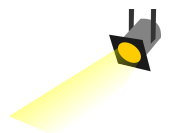
Spelling/Phonics

First Graders have been doing an awesome job on their spelling tests! This week we had our second spelling test and wrote a sentence (this week the sentence was for practice but starting next week the sentence will be included in each student's grade). Our words this week focused on short vowel (a,e,o) rhymes. Students got to pyramid write their spelling words during phonics time this week, which was something new to them.

You will find next week's spelling words on the back of this sheet.

This Week's Spotlights

Virtue: Gentleness
Student: Kinsley
Artist: Vincent Van Gogh
Author: Kevin Henkes



Important Links

First Grade Class Website: www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com

School Sycamore Site <https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoolid=3020>