

Mrs. Jung \* Mrs. Schneider  
First Grade Newsletter  
September 30, 2016



### Upcoming Events

October 4- Back to School Open House  
October 7-Grandparents Day and Early Dismissal  
October 17- Pumpkin Farm/Horicon Marsh Field Trip  
October 28- Trunk or Treat- 5pm AT CHURCH

### Reminders

\*Next week there will be a book fair at school. If you would like to send money with your child you may.  
\*Thursday is game day for our special book week, students can bring a game from home for the day.

### Science/Social Studies

This week in Science we discussed living (can grow, can breathe, can eat) vs non-living things (does not eat, does not grow, does not breathe). We sorted items into each category, for example we put a plant under living and a snowman under non-living. We also learned the parts of a plant and what plants and animals needs are to survive. Plants need air/water, sun, seeds and soil and animals need air/water, sun, food and shelter. We also met the characters Allie and Alfie who will be introducing us to different plant and animal habitats throughout next week.

### Workshops/Grammar

During workshops this week we continued to work on reasons we read and how to pick appropriate books. We practiced spelling words with rainbow words and pattern words. We started our C.A.F.E. study. We will learn about Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary. This week we learned what each part stands for. These strategies will help us becoming strong, independent readers. In Grammar we reviewed common and proper nouns, and sorted nouns into each category. We recognize when a noun needs a capital letter. We read from a list of nouns and corrected the proper nouns as we needed.

### Religion

We had a wonderful object lesson with a blanket on Thursday to demonstrate what being gentle looks like. We looked at examples of Jesus showing gentleness and how we can be gentle to others too! We passed a soft blanket around to remind us of God's gentleness and in the end we all kept a little piece of it to help us remember to be gentle, even when it is hard to do. We also heard more about God's promises this week when we heard the story of God's promise and faithfulness to Abraham. He blessed Abraham greatly and Abraham continued to show great faith.

### Math

Students got to use pattern blocks to compare objects this week. We discovered the hexagon was the largest of the shapes.  
Tuesday we did not have math because we had Ms. Michelle visit to teach us about bus safety! Ask your child what are some ways they can be safe on the bus.  
We took our first timed fact assessment on Wednesday to see how well we know our doubles facts, which we know pretty well!

### Spelling/Phonics

First graders worked hard on learning their short u and short i words this week. We learned a short i poem this week and went on a word hunt to find short u words in our books. Students have been doing fairly well on their spelling tests! As the year progresses our words will start to increase in difficulty. We have been starting to write a sentence with one of our spelling words on our tests, we are looking for correct punctuation, capital letter at the beginning, spacing of words, and that the spelling word used in the sentence is spelled correctly.

### This Week's Spotlights

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



### Important Links

First Grade Class Website:  
[www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com](http://www.gracefirstgrade.weebly.com)  
School Sycamore Site  
:https://app.sycamoreeducation.com/index.php?schoollid=3020

