

First Grade February 2018 News



RELIGION

Lent will be an important topic of discussion as we prepare for Easter.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

We have started reading from the fourth book of our reading series. It is very important that your child learns to **read** the high frequency words each week and apply the new phonics skill learned. Keep reading at home and filling out Reading Records!

We are working on:

- **Phonics** - digraphs sh, wh, ph, kn, wr, gn, mb, contractions 's and n't, long a, long i, phonograms -ake, -ace, -ine, -ite
- **Vocabulary** - words ending with -ed, -ng, or -s, classification of number words, suffixes -er, -est
- **Comprehension Skills** - cause and effect, drawing conclusions, comparing and contrasting
- **Comprehension Strategies** - visualization of a story, inferring and predicting about story parts, monitoring and clarifying
- **Writing** - writing to inform (main idea), writing a report

We will be working on:



- **Phonics** -long o (CV, CVCe), long u (CVCe), long e (CVCe, ee, ea), final sounds: ng, nk, phonograms: -ean, -ink, ay, -ain, -ow, -oat, vowels: ai, ay, oa, ow, contractions: 'll, 'd, 've, 're
- **Vocabulary** - suffixes -y and -ful, classification of transportation words, multiple-meaning words, synonyms
- **Comprehension Skills** - main idea and details, compare and contrast, author's purpose, drawing conclusions
- **Comprehension Strategies** - asking questions and visualizing about what you are reading, summarizing, and finding ways to figure out what doesn't make sense
- **Writing** - write to narrate using sentences, writing a friendly letter, writing a personal narrative

MATH

Skills to be covered this month include:

- place value concepts and money
- tens and teens
- place value to 100
- addition strategies
- understanding money
- counting collections of objects by tens

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will talk about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as we celebrate President's Day. We will continue our next unit, World of Work. We are learning about needs and wants, goods and services, buying, selling, trading, and jobs. We will begin our Junior Achievement program that goes along well with this social studies unit. Mrs. Brunner's Junior Achievement Volunteer is Sandra Ondracek and Mrs. Lee's Junior Achievement Volunteer is Denise Millis.

SCIENCE

We will continue our Liquids and Solids unit.

Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service - We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week the first week in February. We look forward to the dress up days and Skateville, but the biggest reason to celebrate this week is our love of St. John's! Thank you for making the choice for Catholic education!

Mystery Readers: First grade Mystery Readers start in February. We can't wait to guess who you are!

February is I Love to Read Month - We have lots of fun activities planned this month to celebrate our love of reading! Watch for more information and activities to come.

100th Day of School

Thursday, February 15th will be our 100th day of **school**. The first graders will celebrate being 100 days smarter with some special activities. Everyone will be making a 100 Piece Creation! Please look for the 100th Day of School Homework Assignment in your child's Take Home Folder.

Valentine's Day

Our Valentine parties will take place on Tuesday, February 13. Each student should bring valentines - *addressed and signed* - to **ALL** classmates on or before Feb. 13. Class lists are attached.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: Jayden Pillar & Alec Millis.

THANK YOU FOR...

- remembering to send your child prepared for outdoor recess.
- replacing school supplies like pencils, crayons, or markers if needed.
- bringing any concerns to our attention. We want to work as a team with you toward the positive social and academic development of your child.

