



First Grade October 2017 News



RELIGION

We will begin our second unit, Revelation. We will learn about the Holy Trinity, the Holy Family, and about the Bible.

Each Thursday at Mass the first graders are encouraged to participate as much as possible—making the Sign of the Cross, singing, responding, and receiving a blessing.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

We are working on:

- **Phonics** - words with short a, short i, and consonants n, d, p, f, b, g, r, h
- **Vocabulary** - classification and categorization of words, context clues
- **Comprehension Skills** - main idea, understanding characters-
- **Comprehension Strategies** - summarizing, inferring and predicting
- **Writing** - writing about us - labels and captions

We will be working on:

- **Phonics** - words with short o, short e, short u, and consonants l, x, y, w, k, v, j, qu, z, double final consonants and -ck
- **Vocabulary** - multiple-meaning words, alphabetical order, antonyms
- **Comprehension Skills** - sequence of events, text and graphic features, story structure
- **Comprehension Strategies** - monitor/clarify, questioning, analyze/evaluate
- **Writing** - writing about us - sentences, writing a class story, and using adjectives

Each week we send home a list of six words (vocabulary) that your child is expected to learn to read. Be sure to have your child practice the words and read them to you. We will also send home short stories for your child to practice reading at home. These stories can be recorded on the monthly Reading Record sheet after your child reads the story to you. A "Reading Record Form" for October is being sent home. Please read with your child every day. Consistency is so important in developing good reading skills. **The Reading Record is part of your child's reading effort grade!**

MATH

We will begin a new unit on addition, subtraction, and equations. Please look for the parent letter coming home at the beginning of each unit that explains the "Math Talk" and what we are learning.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will complete our People Everywhere unit. We are learning about our families, classrooms, and communities.

We will begin our second unit, Where We Live. We will learn about our Earth, land and water, natural resources, weather and seasons, and our country.

SCIENCE

We will begin our Solids and Liquids unit.

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Tying Shoes - Practice tying shoes with your child if they do not yet know how. Thank you!

Marathon - Our school Marathon is Friday, October 6th. Keep sending in your money! It will be a fun day of walking and service. Please read the school newsletter for more information.

October Break- We will have school October 16-17, with no bus transportation. No school October 18-20.. Enjoy the break!

Halloween Parties - Our Halloween parties will be on Tuesday, October 31. We do not wear costumes.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: Grace Singleton, Berlynn Ames, and Sophia Leet.



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO: Allie Fortier, Angelo Alejo, Ryan Kelly, Jada Watson, and Josie Miller.

THANK YOU FOR...

- remembering to send your child prepared for outdoor recess and making sure sweatshirts are labeled.
- 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.

