



## First Grade January 2018 News



### RELIGION

We will begin our chapter on Jesus Teaches Us To Pray. We will be also be learning about our Catholic Traditions, Catholic Life, and saying "Yes" to Jesus.

### READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

We continue to work on our third reading book. Make sure you are practicing the phonics skills and vocabulary words we have learned so far. Keep reading at home and filling out Reading Records!

We are working on:

- **Phonics** - reviewing short u, final clusters, -ump, the th digraph, base words and -s, -es, -ed, -ing
- **Vocabulary** - synonyms, classification and categorization of color words
- **Comprehension Skills** - story structure (setting, characters, and events) and author's purpose
- **Comprehension Strategies** - visualization of and analyzing/evaluating a story
- **Writing** - writing to describe and writing to inform (using adverbs)

We will be 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

### MATH

We continue to work on:

- Counting on with addition situations
- Counting on with subtraction situations
- Mixed story problems

- Working with unknown partners

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin our next unit, World of Work. We will learn about needs and wants, goods and services, buying, selling, trading, and jobs. We will start Junior Achievement lessons.

### SCIENCE

We will continue our unit on Solids and Liquids.

**No School** - No school on January 15 and 22.

**Catholic Schools Week** - We hope you will join us in celebrating our Catholic education. It begins with our annual Showcase on January 28. More details to come.



Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothes... warm jacket, hat, and mittens. Make sure all belongings are labeled with your child's name. Appropriate clothing is required to go out for recess!

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:** Robbie Childers, Caroline Schultz, Caleb Carstens, and William Natyshak.



### 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.



