

## Here's WHAT's Been Going on in 1S! Week of January 28-31, 2019

### Religion

Students celebrated Catholic Schools Week in various ways. There was an all-school Adoration Service on Monday, and all-campus Mass on Wednesday, and a time to reflect on the gift of Valley Catholic as students wrote letters to the Sisters to thank them for our school.

There was also a Second Step lesson this past week. Students reviewed the strategies learned before Christmas about ways to calm down. They also worked specifically with belly breathing as a strategy to control anger.

### Math

Place value skills were practiced, reviewed, and assessed this week.

### Language Arts

Students worked with the **Reading** comprehension skill of cause and effect as they read different stories about the theme of weather.

First grade practiced informative **writing** skills as were assessed on their **Spelling** words.

Subject/verb agreement was addressed in **English/Grammar**.

### Social Studies

Tall tales continued as the theme for the week. Students heard and reflected on the story of Paul Bunyan. I am excited for the students to begin having an opportunity to share their own tall tales beginning next week!

## **Science**

Our focus shifted from states of matter to heredity this week. Students worked to find ways that living things are the same and different and they touched on inheritance traits. More will be explored on this topic in the coming week.

## **Arul was our Student of the Week!**

### **First Grade Mass**

1S will be hosting the school Mass on Wednesday, February 13th, at 9:35 in the Convent Chapel. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate St. Valentine and God's gift of love. Each student will have a part of some kind. If your child volunteered to be a reader, please practice a little each night (5 minutes or so) until our big day. Speaking parts went home today. Thank you for all your support!

### **Service Learning**

We will have an opportunity to put God's love into action on Thursday, February 7th when we visit the Early Learning School. Students will be bringing home stories to practice on Monday as a homework assignment.

### **Valentine's Day**

While we are not able to have a class party for Valentine's Day, we certainly will celebrate our friendships through the exchanging of Valentine's Day cards. If your child would like to give valentines I ask that he/she makes sure (with your help) that there are enough for all students. There are 28 kids in the class, including your student. Their names are as follow:

Addy  
Anshu  
Arul  
Aubrey  
Avtar  
Bryce  
Emeka

Emma  
Evie  
Haya  
Henry  
Jaden  
Kaleb  
Kavya  
Kennedy  
Kevin  
Kiranjay  
Lexi  
Maria  
Munzer  
Neel  
Nikitha  
Noa  
Ruby  
Sammie  
Taylor  
Vibha  
Zoey

In being consistent with our school wellness plan, I ask that your child not bring candy to share, but if interested in bringing something a card, pencil, or sticker will do. We will make valentine mailboxes at school. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### **100th Day of School**

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school on Tuesday, February 19th. Both first grade classes will combine for some themed centers to celebrate the day. A sign up genius will be created soon for volunteering. We will definitely need some adults to help guide our learning that morning. The time commitment would be from 7:45-10:45.

### **Summer Birthdays**

If your child has a summer birthday and would like to celebrate here at school I would love to set up a date with you to highlight your child. Please let me know if you have a preference. If not, then I will be in contact to choose a date in May or June. Thanks!

**Have a lovely weekend everyone! Happy February!**