

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of October 1-5, 2018

Religion

First grade has been celebrating October as the month of the Rosary through the making of a missionary rosary. Students learned that God's mission for them is to bring more love into the world in an effort to make this world a better place. The song "We Are the World" was shared in connection, as was a video about kindness. So far the students have prayed 3 decades of the rosary, dedicating one each to the people of Asia, the Americas (including all of North, Central and South America) and Europe. Next week students will conclude the lesson with prayers for the people of Oceania and Africa.

Math

Students have been exploring subtraction skills this week. I highly encourage you to practice these skills at home, whether with objects as a hands-on activity, through IXL or even simply flashcards. The more practice the easier mastery will become.

Language Arts

The **reading** comprehension skill of sequence of events was introduced this past week. Students also were introduced to verbs in **English/Grammar**, reviewed sentences in **Writing** and practiced the letter "i" in **Handwriting**.

A preassessment of the 15 "priority words" of our **Spelling** program was given. Spelling will begin to be integrated into our days beginning next week. Our first focus will be visual discrimination.

Social Studies

The community continued as our theme this week, with lessons about rules and laws.

First grade also had an opportunity to work on our first buddy project this week...which will be on display soon on one of our bulletin boards.

Science

The study of light began this last week. Students were introduced to the vocabulary words of transparent and opaque. They also learned about shadows.

Art

First grade drew and then water colored pumpkins this week. They will be on display soon!

Bryce was our Student of the Week!

Thank you!

Many thanks to all of you who came out to support the kiddos at the jog-a-thon. Though the kids got drenched, I think they all had a great time. I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule.

Coats Needed!

The turn in the weather is a good reminder that students should be bringing weatherproofed jackets/coats with them each day if possible. The students do travel outside daily to recess (including the play court), Masses/Prayer Services and PE.

Many thanks to those of you who have been sending raincoats already!

Snacks

Your child has an opportunity for a morning snack each day. **PLEASE send a snack, even if your child plans to have a hot lunch or if it is a half day.** On a related note, many students are expressing hunger in the afternoon. While there is no formal snack time in the afternoon, I am happy to allow the students to eat when possible (such as during quiet time or dismissal). I encourage you to talk with your child and potentially start sending an extra snack. Their bodies exert a lot of energy all day long and are obviously growing, so it is possible that they need more food than before.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! Happy October!