

Here's What's Been Happening in 1S!

Week of October 29-November 2, 2018

Religion

First grade worked on their quarterly SLE reflection this week, reflecting on how they have been a life-long learner through exploring the fine arts (Art, Art Lit and Music). They also attended their first school "family group" activity where they learned about the mission and philosophy of the school. All Saints Day was celebrated with an all-schools Mass on Thursday. A story about the Mexican celebration of "Dia de los Muertos" (The Day of the Dead) was shared and a connection made to the Catholic Church's celebration of All Saints and All Souls Days.

Finally, the Second Step lesson this week dealt with ways to help uncomfortable feelings (such as sadness and worry) change to feel better.

Math

Addition strategies continued as the focus this week. Students worked on the concepts of doubles plus one and doubles minus one, as well as problem solving skills.

Students made "doubles facts" spiders on Halloween.

Language Arts

Halloween themed books were the focus this week in Reading. Students worked with the comprehension skills of story structure, main idea and supporting details of a text, as well as sequencing the life cycle of a pumpkin. Stellaluna was shared as a connection with our recent writing about bats.

Students were progress monitored using the STAR assessment tool this past week.

Social Studies

Students were introduced to the story of the first Thanksgiving. Please check your child's purple folder over the weekend. There is big news! First grade will be hosting a play called "A Native American Welcome." Details are still in the works. I am inviting each child to participate through a small speaking part. The script should be in your child's folder. If your child DOES NOT want to speak, he/she will still have an opportunity to dress in costume (I have them already) and help act out the story. I do

ask that you let me know ASAP if your child does not want his/her speaking part so I may reassign it. More details will be coming home soon. As of now, it looks like we will be able to perform on November 20th in the morning. All will be welcome to join us!

First grade also celebrated their recent marble jar with a viewing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," along with a favorite stuffed animal, popcorn and apple cider.

Science

Students learned about why the stars come out at night and made their own model of the Big Dipper during their exploration time.

Art

We were fortunate enough to have several parents lead us in our class Gala project.
What fun!

Haya was our Student of the Week!

Happy Birthday to Kennedy!

A Native American Welcome

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 20th! First grade will be having a play and all are invited! Please see the "Social Studies" section of this newsletter for details!

Shoe Boxes Still Needed!

Many thanks to the several of you who have generously donated your adult sized shoe boxes. We still need about 20 more. If you have any adult sized shoe boxes that you would be willing to part with, we would be happy to take them off your hands for our upcoming Christmas project. Thank you, in advance!

I can hardly believe that the first quarter has gone by so quickly! I am truly enjoying your children and feel blessed for the opportunity to

work with each of them. Have a wonderful fall weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you soon for conferences.

Happy November!