

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of November 5-9, 2018

Religion

First grade spent the week learning about prayer as both talking to and listening to God. They tried using a “quiet heart position” to listen to God through a guided prayer. They also listened for God’s message through both an Old Testament (the story of Joseph interpreting the king’s dream in Egypt) and a New Testament (the Sunday Gospel reading of Jesus teaching the disciples about giving from the heart) story. Song as a way of praying was introduced as students began practicing a song called “Malo, Malo” to accompany our upcoming play.

First grade also met Sister Anne, their prayer partner, who kindly gave them each a prayer card.

Math

Addition strategies were reviewed and assessed this week. I encourage you to invite your child to continue practicing IXL at some point during these long weekends in November. It will keep their mind active and help them master math facts.

Language Arts

Animal communication was the theme in this past week’s **Reading** program. Students read a few informational texts about the topic as they practiced recognizing the comprehension skill of main idea and supporting details.

Students began reflecting on what they are thankful for in **Writing** and wrote a Thanksgiving card for Sister Anne, our prayer Sister.

The core words were assessed in **Spelling**.

Social Studies

The concept of a timeline was introduced. Students also learned about the celebration of Diwali. Also, time was spent each day preparing for our upcoming Thanksgiving play.

Students also learned a little about the importance of Veteran's Day.

Science

Our focus shifted to animals this week. Students learned about why birds have beaks and even were able to explore what it would be like to eat with different kinds of beaks. Ask your child about our experiment! They also reflected on ways that mother animals care for their babies.

Art

We finally finished our teepees! They are on display in the hallway for you to enjoy.

Zoey was our Student of the Week!

Thanksgiving play!

Mark your calendars! 1S will be hosting a Thanksgiving play on Tuesday, November 20th at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria. All are welcome to join us! Speaking of which, please help your child practice a little each day this weekend. Our goal is to have our lines memorized by Thursday's practice. Working on cues would also help a great deal. The kids are doing a great job, but since our days together are limited, any extra help your could give at home would be GREATLY appreciated. Thank you!

Shoe Boxes

We are about half way to our goal of 28 adult sized shoe boxes. A HUGE thank you to those of you who have already donated. If anyone else has any laying around, we would love to take them off of your hands. Thank you, in advance!

Book Fair/Book Orders

If you would like to purchase a book for your child (perhaps as a Christmas gift) you will have an opportunity through our upcoming book fair next week or through the most recent book order. If you choose to order a book online, please use our class code: 2JH3R and submit your order by Thursday, November 15th at 4 PM. If you decide to

order as a surprise gift for your child, please let me know so I can find a safe way to get it to you instead of sending it in your child's backpack. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Conferences

I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming week to discuss your child's progress. Thank you, in advance, for making the time!

Thank you for all you are doing in support of your child and our school. A special thank you to any of you who might be Veterans this weekend. I thank you for your service. Have a wonderful weekend. See you soon!