

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S!

Week of September 17-21, 2018

Religion

Students became familiar with the creation story in the Bible. They learned that creation is a gift from God.

The Second Step curriculum continued with lessons about following directions and self-talk for learning.

Math

Math groups and Centers began this past week. Students continue to practice addition skills with the help of hands-on manipulatives.

Language Arts

Students were introduced to the **reading** comprehension skill of main idea and supporting details as they read stories and a poem about the theme of friendship. They also worked on a class friendship quilt.

Labels were introduced in **writing** and nouns in **English/Grammar**.

Science

Sounds in our world continued as the study this week. Students compared the sounds of the city with those of the country. They also were able to create sound effects for a rain storm with the help of Mystery Science. Ask your child about it!

Social Studies

Students completed the beginning of the year assessment and were introduced to the emergency procedures for earthquakes.

First grade also met their 3rd grade buddies for the first time this year. We had so much fun!

Art

First grade explored the element of color as they mixed colors to create a color wheel. Ask your child about it!

Emma was our Student of the Week!

Marble Jar News!

1S has filled their marble jar for the first time this year! This means that, as a group, they have been working very hard on making good choices both in and out of the classroom. After all students gave ideas of how they wanted to celebrate and we put it to a vote, it looks like we will be having "Slime Day" in first grade on Tuesday afternoon!

Art Lit

1S is in need of a parent to take the lead in becoming trained and then leading the four Art Lit lessons this year. Please see the letter from the Room Parents for more details. Thanks!

September 27th!!!

This Thursday will be a big day for us in 1S. **Mrs. Powvalla will be celebrating her birthday!** I plan to ask all students to make a surprise birthday card for her as a homework assignment this week. I will send home a piece of paper for them to use. If you would prefer to have your child start it over the weekend, feel free. I ask that the students turn them in by Thursday morning to me directly. If you would like to send a note or small gift, please feel free. This is certainly not an expectation.

September 27th will also be the date of our Accreditation Pre-Visit. A team of educators will be visiting our school for part of the day and then return to spend three days with us in early November. This is a process that all Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Portland participate in to assist them in continuous school improvement.

Technology Form

Your child should have brought home today a form for you to fill out regarding allowing your child to use our technology. Inside the classroom, students are able to use iPads during both Reading and Math Center time. Primarily we will be using Starfall, IXL and the sites directly related to our Reading (Journeys) and Math (My Math) Programs. We need the form signed and returned to school as soon as possible please.

Vision Screening

Students will participate in a vision screening on Monday. This will test how well they can see from a distance.

Jog-a-thon

Mark your calendars for October 5th! Valley Catholic will have their annual jog-a-thon on that date. It will be fun and volunteers will be needed!

**Have a wonderful weekend everyone! Thanks for all you do in support of your child and our school.
Enjoy the beginning of Fall!**