

Here's What's Been Going on in 1S! Week of September 24-28, 2018

Religion

This week students continued their Second Step lessons with the final Skills for Learning lesson, focusing on being assertive. They also began the Empathy portion of the lessons, learning about feelings and how they can recognize feelings in other people.

Students reflected more on the school theme of kindness and how it relates to the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

First grade also helped Mrs. Powvalla celebrate her birthday!

Math

Addition continued as the focus this past week. Students worked to find different ways to make 9 and 10. They also challenged themselves to find a missing part of 10 and to determine if math sentences were true or false. An assessment was given on Friday.

Next week-subtraction!

Language Arts

Reading Groups and Centers began this week! Students read both a realistic fiction and an informational text about the topic of storms. The comprehension strategy of understanding characters was addressed and students reviewed high frequency words.

Letter L was the focus in **Handwriting**.

Students were introduced to captions in **Writing** and Possessive Nouns in **English/Grammar**.

Social Studies

Students were introduced to the concept of a community this week, focusing on vocabulary such as community, citizen, rule, law and vote. This was a perfect

connection since we have been working to become responsible citizens through living out our SLEs and since we just voted on our recent marble jar.

Science

First grade enjoyed their first marble jar celebration through the making of slime!

A preassessment on the study of light was given.

Kennedy was our Student of the Week!

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Powvalla!

Jog-a-Thon

First grade will be running in the annual jog-a-thon on Friday, October 5th at 12:30 PM. Students are encouraged to work on getting sponsors between now and then. This will be an athletic dress day for students.

Oregon Battle of the Books

In case you have a child in grades 3-5: Valley Catholic Elementary School is participating in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) for the 2018-2019 School Year in the Grades 3-5 Division. We will be holding a meeting for parents only of students in grades 3-5 who are interested in participating. The meeting will be held in the VCES Library at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17 and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by a Parent Education Night that will take place in the Cafeteria. Please plan to attend the OBOB Informational Meeting that night if your child is interested in participating. If you have any questions, please contact Shauna Jasperson at sjasperson@valleycatholic.org.

Happy Fall everyone!
I can hardly believe that we have the first month of school behind us already! I sure am enjoying working with your child!