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Happy Spring! It has been gorgeous.

Did you know Lent means Spring? Enjoy and thank God. Exciting learning continues in First Grade in so many ways. Together with 5th and 6th Grades, First Grade will be creating a video to enhance our application for a 'Teaching Garden' grant. We will be singing and acting out a song about plant parts. You know with our outstanding singers, it stands a great chance. Wish us luck and cross your fingers.

In Language Arts, students are learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives. Verb Man, which was made out of aluminum foil, brought verbs to life as students moved him to enact action words. Students went on a Noun Hunt to find examples of persons, places, animals and things. Currently, first graders are using character trait adjectives to describe themselves. Students will be enjoying the Adventures of Flat Stanley. They will invite friends and family from as far as you can find to send letters and pictures of their areas or favorite activities as they travel with Flat Stanley. In Technology, students will type 10 characteristics and glue them to a keepsake silhouette and begin a Weather webquest. They will celebrate Going Green with a variety of poems. They will use the green screen and record them for your viewing pleasure by next week.

Students had added buttons counting in Spanish last week and now they will identify the colors according to the "number answers". They will continue to practice the song about "Un botón" and recognize the rhyming words. In Music students will explore the steady beat in the song game "Little Sally Walker" and compare the steady beat to the rhythm. Students will participate in a variety of relays, dance and conditioning activities in PE this week. In Religion students continue to learn ways to live Lent. They are learning the hierarchy of the church which includes the Pope Francis, Bishop Francis DiLorenzo in Richmond, Va. and priests, Fr. Brian, Fr. Kevin, Fr. David, Fr. Rossi, and Fr. Ken. We will also continue learning about Family Life this week. In Social Studies, students will visit Province Place for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16. They will spend time entertaining and reading to our elderly friends. If you have any Easter books from your home or public libraries that your child would like to share, please mark them with your child's name and send them in. We will return them after our trip. Drivers will be needed for this trip. We will leave at 9:45 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Please check in the office now to be sure all of the required paper work is completed. Mrs. Brown maintains the list of authorized drivers. Thanks so much!