

First Communication Newsletter

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Happy Presidents Day! We are still excited about Valentines and Grandparents Days. This week First Grade will delve more into the United States, the presidents, coins and landmarks. We have been locating continents and comparing and contrasting them with countries. Did you know Australia is only country that is also a continent? Did you know Antarctica is a continent and no one lives there? First Grade is also enhancing map reading skills and refining usage of the compass rose. Never Eat Soggy Waffles we say to remember north, east, south and west. In Reading students are extending their knowledge of the world in relation to themselves by analyzing the story "Me On The Map." Students will create their own book beginning with self as the center and expanding to family, neighborhood/city, country, continent and universe. It's a wonderful world. In Music, students will practice and prepare the song "Peace Round" using Orff instruments. **.Speaking of world, in Religion students are reciting the Greatest Commandment and applying it to their own relationships. It's a perfect lead into Lent which begins this Ash Wednesday. Together our class will focus on changing our hearts to better follow Jesus through more prayer, sacrifice and alms giving. We will also follow the Way of the Cross by praying the Stations school-wide every Friday.**

Students are identifying and learning parts of the body vocabulary in Spanish. In PE, students will work that body by practicing jump rope. They are preparing for the upcoming spring fitness testing. They will also concentrate on upper body exercises to prepare for pushups and

flexed arm hang testing. While participating in games with hockey sticks, soccer balls, yarn balls and tennis balls, students will be reinforced in cooperative play strategies. In addition to investigating the heart and ways to care for their body, they will discuss dental health.