

First Grade Weekly Communication Newsletter

January 26-30



This is a very special week for our Grandparents and Valentine's. First Grade will celebrate our Grandparents with 'portable hugs' and dedicating the song "Welcome To The Family" for all who join us on Friday, February 13. We will also be sending hugs to our friends at Province Place, the local assisted living center. These adopted grandparents visit every week to listen to each first grader read. On Friday, first graders will also celebrate Valentines Day by sharing little notes, cards, treats and kind deeds. God is love. What a perfect day to celebrate our loving God and the Greatest Commandment to love our God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbors. Many first graders will attend the after school club for grades K-3, Friends In Faith. We will celebrate this loving God in song, Scripture, snack, games and art and take what we learn to others. Isn't that an awesome call to evangelize and tell the world (classmates, friends, family, etc.) all about God and His Love for all of us. This message is carried over to Social Studies as we continue to explore customs, traditions, food, language, dress, art and more about our friends around the world. Students will also locate continents, countries and oceans on the globe and use map keys to answer questions about the continents on maps. Where in the world is God? EVERYWHERE!

In Reading students are gaining proficiency with online quizzes through the use of the Reading Counts program. Keyboarding, following directions, analyzing literature, problem solving, and independence are important skills that are exercised through this program. Students are investigating the genre of

biography. They will write their own biographies after studying the lives and times of famous African Americans. Thus far, they have used online and classroom resources to write biographies about Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks and George Washington Carver. They will identify one of the famous African Americans in the past or present to explore and get to know in greater detail. Writing exercises the use of the 6+1 Traits of Writing including ideas, conventions, and word choice. First graders are now organizing their writing into a sequence using words such as first, then, next and last.

Resource classes allow students to grow in many ways. In PE, students will participate in cooperative games and relays. They will also work to improve coordination and work on jumping skills.

