

First Grade Weekly Communication Newsletter Jan. 11-15

Brrrrrr. It's cccccccold.

It's getting even colder in First Grade as students explore the polar regions. Polar pals such as polar bears, penguins and seals are always a great attention grabber. Students will explore these animals in fiction and nonfiction. They will utilize text features to analyze and better understand informational texts. In Technology, students will search approved websites for information required for a polar expedition webquest. Art class will support the study of polar pals and integrate a lot of painting, cutting, gluing, but most especially clay to create a penguin. Classroom craftivities will hold a display of informational writing using the 6 Plus 1 Traits of Writing including conventions, topics/ideas, word choice and organization. Sentence stems and graphic organizers will be used to record and organize information, which students will collect from online and classroom resources. Penguin and polar bear families are interesting to explore. How about your family?

In Spanish, students will delve into their families and label members correctly in Spanish. In PE students will participate in relay and tag games. What a fun way to adapt to our environment in the winter and move to keep warm! In Music, students will investigate piano and forte through movement. Students will also rehearse songs for the Talent Show and Grandparents Day. Can you believe it is almost that time of year?

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO FIRST GRADERS TAKING SCANTRON! Hey! Hey! What do you say? They did an awesome job today. Students are taking their midyear tests to show what they know and just how much all of their hard work has paid off. GO! GO! GO! SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW! BRRRRRRILLLLLLLIIIIANT JOB!

Please mark your calendars for the Second Annual Alumni Event scheduled for January 23 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Tell friends and families to come. It's an expression of love and appreciation for Catholic education in Portsmouth. Please bring a covered dish to share. Drinks and desserts will be provided. Entertainment from the Dixie 7 and our awesome Portsmouth Catholic Regional School Choir will make for a fun and special evening. Lots of special people will be there...YOU!!!