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God bless America and God bless you! Thank you Clifford and Jordan, who represented First Grade and PCRS in the Memorial Day Parade. Clifford carried the banner from start to finish. Jordan wowed the crowd with her marching, twirling and smiling as the youngest PCRS majorette. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 2 from 2-3 p.m. First Grade will be presenting a Patriotic show in the gym. Come celebrate our country, PCRS, a great school year and the amazing First Graders.

This week First Grade will create an end of the year book and log many wonderful memories and friends. The year was filled with so much learning and hopefully a love for learning that will last a life time. In Religion, First Grade will celebrate the principles of religious freedom upon which our country was founded. First Grade will explore the areas of worship within the church and treasure hunt important locations with their families on the weekend. Happy Pentecost. Be filled with the Spirit, soar in the love of God and spread the Good news. In Social Studies, students will review needs, wants, consuming, and producing, saving, spending and donating. First Grade utilized technology to create a video segment to invite support of Horizons, a 6 week summer enrichment program for Portsmouth's kids in need. Thank you first grade for living your faith and leading others to doing good and God's work. Love God and thy neighbor! In Math, the students will begin working on strategies to solve two-digit subtraction. Some strategies include making models with tens rods and ones cubes, play subtraction top-it with playing cars, and practicing with the game Fruit Splat on the SMARTBOARD. In Science, the students will be discussing the difference between insects and spiders as they sort and classify the animals.

Resource classes add so much to our learning endeavors. This week, students will learn to sing playground songs in Spanish. In Music, they will be rehearsing their Patriotic Show. Cooperative play will be reinforced as opposed to competition. Reinforcement of body parts in relation to space, directionality, speed, force and levels will be highlighted during our activities.

Fun Day is May 29 at noon. First Graders should be dismissed and entrusted to the care of an adult. Lunch will be provided by our awesome PTO. There will be games galore and so much fun. Be sure your child not only plays games but visits our community visitors...Dominion Virginia Power, Fire, Sheriff and Police Departments outside. Tiger Martial Arts, Zumba, Dance Party and more inside. Don't miss these guests and their fun demos.