

## CELEBRATING FAITH, KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE IN FIRST GRADE

HELLO FIRST GRADE! Celebrate all that you are and do as you become the magnificent masterpiece God has created. This week is exciting as First Grade prepares to serve its PCRS school community. They will sing with their whole hearts and souls to benefit PCRS!

Students will pray the Rosary and lead the school community over the p.a. system on May 24th. Families and friends join us in the school main hall as First Grade shares their faith and showcases their prayerful leadership skills. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us. Religion is integrated into our Social Studies endeavors as well. Students are gratefully acknowledging and respecting the likenesses and differences of each other as well as cultures around the world. It is indeed God's World Family...one family. Please join us on Tuesday, May 31, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym as First Grade presents "The World Is A Rainbow," their end of the year show. In addition to reading, singing, sharing, performing, etc., students will reach out to Heifer International. They will create strategies to earn and gather Pennies of Promise...an effort to promise to provide animals to sustain families and break the cycle of poverty in the world. Students will make a decision on which animals they can afford to buy and which they feel will make the most difference. Each student will present a persuasive paragraph to convince peers to vote for the animals we will purchase as a class. In Reading students are applying the many comprehension skills they have experienced this year such as summarizing, predicting, comparing and contrasting, and inferring. Initially students respond to their reading by finding answers that are right there. To grow in higher level thinking skills, however, they must work to interact with the text and as they say "read between the lines" or make judgment calls by using what they know. Relating texts to self, the world and other text are great brain stretchers. Resource teachers are always an amazing support and extension of learning. In Spanish, this week students will review the Sign of the Cross, greet each other with common phrases and explore songs and dances. First Grade will perform two of these songs in the end of the year program. Ole! Students in PE will apply concepts previously introduced while participating in beach ball skill drills and games that focus on the fun and participation. Students will also apply concepts previously learned in relay activities and recreational games. Strong bodies and strong minds are the desired result.

