

Newsletter October 21-25, 2013

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Hello Everyone,

First grade continues to grow in so many ways. 6+1 Traits of Writing is an exciting challenge for us. Ask your child daily about conventions (capitals, punctuation, spacing, etc.) and encourage correct usage of conventions when writing. Also, stimulate those brains with lots of idea provoking questions about a particular topic. We have been exercising our reading and writing skills with seasonal prompts including pumpkins, bats, spiders, etc. You can't go wrong with experiential and high interest topics. Read! Read! Read! Keep those precious minutes at night for reading enjoyment. In Social Studies, students continue to work on map skills. What a great sense of direction we are developing. They giggle every time they review the points on the compass rose by remembering to Never (north) Eat (east) Soggy (south) Waffles (west). In Religion, students continue to review the Trinity. They are also learning about The Holy Family, angels and Saints and the Rosary. Congratulations again to the beautiful prayer leaders in First Grade. Shine your halos. This Wednesday, several classmates will lead the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. if you would like to join us. Also, don't forget there is Mass on Thursday with Fr. Brian at 10:00 a.m. Please wear church uniforms and bring a can, bag or box of food for Oasis. Thank you for your generosity. The Resource Classes bring lots of extra learning to us. In Music students are learning their songs for the Christmas program. Yes, it will be here before we know it. In Spanish, the students will recognize the days of the week. They will learn a song about a mail carrier who delivers mail Monday through Saturday but never on Sundays. They will also recite numbers to 30. PE will be lots of fun as they explore volleyball skills utilizing beach balls for learning activities.

We hope to see you at Technology Night, October 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. We have a lot to fit in to this little time with you. Please be prompt. We hope to see you then.

