



First Grade Communication Newsletter Sept. 8-12

Wow ! Can you believe it's September? First grade continues to learn so many new and exciting things. Just this week alone, students made moon phases out of oreos, completed a Solar System book using classroom books and online resources, learned test taking strategies for their first of many reading tests, learned how to set up their word study notebook complete with a baggie for safekeeping of words for the week's sort, started using an interactive Social Studies notebook, learned about the Trinity, and so much more. Also, students are learning to effectively and accurately maintain their behavior chart, Daily 5 chart as well as their nightly reading chart. They are growing in responsibility for themselves, their things, their behavior and their learning. They are off to a great start! KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM! Resources classes offer an abundance of opportunities as well. In Music, students will create a rhythmic composition using their classmates' names and rhythm instruments. What a great way to become more comfortable with parts of words or syllables. In PE students continue to build skills and prepare for the Presidential Fitness assessment. They also learned about good hygiene and germ busting. In Spanish students are counting 1-10 and engaging in basic conversation. Muy Bien!

Please mark your calendars for the Fun and Food Fest at St. Therese (across from Applebees at Chesapeake Square Mall). Students are invited to learn several songs in Religion and Social Studies class and take their voices to a real stage with live microphones. This is an awesome opportunity. Please sign your first grader up today. What amazing and inspiring voices they

have. Parents, you may also be interested in earning volunteer hours. There will be a PCRS table there with crafts and souvenirs for children who visit or pass by our booth. This is a great way to share the Spirit of PCRS with the community. In Religion and Social Studies we are learning to be bucket-fillers, builders of unity in the community and joy bringers of the Word of Jesus. This is a perfect opportunity to put our faith into action.

Mass will be on Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. with Fr. Jett. Please wear dress uniforms. Parents join us if you can. First Graders are doing a great job exhibiting reverent and prayerful behavior, singing and responding. First Grade happily presented Fr. Kevin with a banner at last week's Mass. Shine your halo Fr. Kevin for celebrating 35 years in the priesthood! Let's pray for our priests and vocations. Of course, please remember our big Readabration and Technology event on this evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. First graders may wear their pajamas and come ready to engage in some fun reading and tech activities before they head home to hit the hay. PCRS teachers will take the field and team up with you and your child to make this a winning season of learning.