

## Newsletter September 16-20

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Hope you had a wonderful Fall weekend! Thanks to all of the students and families who participated in the Fun and Food Fest at St. Therese. It was evident we have many shining stars in our midst. Thanks again for your support.

First Grade ended last week with another Watermelon Celebration. This time we incorporated math activities such as length, circumference, estimation, measurement, comparisons, etc. and integrated not only math but more science into our Reading and Language Arts exercises. Students draw connections from full integration and start to realize, we need to read in everything we do. We will move onto a Popcorn Party complete with writing sensory poems, playing Popcorn sight and word family games, making predictions and integrating word problems. Of course, we will have to taste test the treat to experience the true source of inspiration and learning. It's amazing how we love using our taste buds in the learning process. YUM!

This week we will continue our study of reptiles, desert and pond habitats and hats. The hats were awesome. We may have to do it again sometime. Keep an eye out for unusual hats with interesting purposes.

Our resource teachers will continue providing lots of learning opportunities in their special areas. In Spanish, First Grade will continue practicing greetings, recognizing and reciting numbers 1 – 10 as well as counting items in sets. In PE. Students will work on basic stunts and conditioning activities. They will play the cooperative game of Sharks and Minnows. In Tech, Mr. Baker and I will be using the green screen to capture our students reading reptile and amphibian poetry. I'm sure the students are going to want to revisit the virtual tour they took of the White House. Ask them what did they see on their field trip to D.C.'s grandest house. It's amazing the fun you can have and the things you can learn and never even leave the Tech Lab. In Art, students will be meeting the awesome new art teacher, Mrs. Maggie Hudson. As announced, Mrs. Kim's husband relocated to Richmond for his job. She has been kindly commuting from there until the end of this past week. Mrs. Hudson will introduce students to Leonardo DaVinci and the Mona Lisa. They will then follow instructions for completing a self-portrait masterpiece. With Ms. Riggins, students will explore and create the steady beat in music using instruments and body percussion.

Please note that Friends In Faith will meet for students in grades K-3 on September 23 from 3-4:15 p.m. This is a great celebration of Scripture, music, snacks, games, service and crafts. Please be sure to sign up on School Speak when the announcement is posted. We are limited to 24 spots and they fill fast.