

Happy Halloween



First Grade Learning Is Spooooooooktacular!

First grade is working hard to live their faith and put it into action. Thank you for the awesome job on the Chores For Change challenge to end world hunger. First grade generously donated \$120.74. Thank you so much. First graders wrote beautiful reflection papers regarding this outreach. Living our faith is not just for an event or a Religion class period. We bring the love of Jesus alive daily across the curriculum, in all we learn, say and do. Shine your halos First Grade. Special thanks to Bailey, Clifford and Jack for sharing their insightful and inspiring thoughts at the prayer service. In Reading, First Grade continues to integrate the Daily 5 throughout their day: Read to self and a partner; listen to literature; meet with the teacher; engage in word work and write! Readers succeed and lead. We are contributing many minutes of reading to the school goal of one million minutes. Our readers are building writing skills using the 6+1 Traits of Writing. Currently, students are utilizing the conventions of proper capitalization and punctuation as well as staying on topic. Details, details, and more details are encouraged to enhance their writing efforts. In Social Studies, students are focusing on Habit 1 - Be proactive and Habit 6 - Synergize in their caring classroom community. Kindness rocks! October is Anti-bullying Month. The more we learn to serve as positive leaders, learn about the virtues in our Peacemaker's Program, and live each day doing little kindnesses with great love, the more we will conquer any un-Christlike behaviors in our class, school, home and community. WE WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS!!!! ZERO tolerance for anything less.

Resource teachers support and extend the curriculum with many awesome activities. In Spanish, students will continue to work on the consonants and vowels, the sign of the cross and engage in Spanish tunes to model correct pronunciation of basic vocabulary. In PE students will explore sports lead up games. They will also delve into the skeletal system in Health which supports our exploration of skeletons in fiction and nonfiction in Reading. In Music, students will be learning how to identify rhythms that are based on Halloween themed phrases. They will also read and sing "5 Little Pumpkins." Speaking of pumpkins, don't forget "The Great Pumpkin Challenge between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Please help First Grade learn that we are valuable citizens no matter how young. We can make a difference by bringing light into the darkness. Shine Jesus shine!

In Math, First Grade will be receiving their first Rocket Math Quiz Grades this Monday, October 20. We will be further exploring subtraction this week through number line subtraction, fact familie, and relating addition to subtraction. The students will have Math Workshop on Tuesday and Thursday, and will play subtraction games to reinforce the skills they have learned. In Science, First Grade will be studying plants further by taking a closer look at the plant's different types of seeds and how deciduous trees differ from evergreen trees.

