

First Grade

Hello First Grade Parents,



April is full of special activities for first grade. We have been very busy delving into everything from insects to shapes and even time and money. Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th of April are both minimum days as we begin the 3rd quarter conferences. I will be posting conference times outside the door on Wednesday as a reminder.



April will be a busy month academically for us as well. We will continue to explore money and time in math. We will begin to focus on planes, solid figures, and explore geometric transformations in math. Our exploration of social studies will be tying into Earth Day as we look at our planets resources, recycling, and preserving habits for plants and animals.



Our scientific study of insects will continue in the month of April as we take a closer look at insects, arachnids, and other arthropods. The children are very excited to continue looking at insects and learning how they benefit from our gardens and, more importantly, our planet.

As we continue into the seasons of Lent and Easter, I am working with the children on the importance of prayer during this time--praying not only as away to thank God for all he has given us but as a way to become closer to God and understand his great love for us. The children understand that God sacrificed his only son for us to show how much he loves us and that small sacrifices, like giving up any incentives for good deeds, bring us closer to God.



reading
writing

Our reading skills are continuing to improve as we work our way through out reading series focusing on plant and animal life. We are also going to be focusing on creating acrostic poems with descriptive words. The children are very excited to begin to look at and create poetry. We have continued our weekly writing and will, in the coming quarter, be working on our spelling.

After the end of the third quarter, I will be introducing a weekly spelling list of eight to ten words. The words will be from our last 8 stories from our reading series. The children will be given the words every Monday with homework form the list on Tuesday and Thursday. The class will be assessed every Friday, although the focus is to strengthen the children's spelling. It is also to ensure they are ready for the weekly spelling list and test in second grade. In order to diminish test anxiety, I will give the children a variety of assessments for each list along with the traditional written test.

As we come closer to the end of the year, there will be many memorable and exciting activities for first grade. I want to thank you all in advance for all your help and support. I truly appreciate every one of you.



Name: _____	SCORE _____
Date: _____	
SPELLING TEST	
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Sincerely,
Mrs. Barrios



LIST for APRIL

total	regroup	created
events	harvest	volume
pattern	faith	spring
calendar	share	season
year	learned	flowers
month	growing	rabbit
pound	connection	cave
length	gather	lady bug
inch	meal	insect
weight	priest	head
centimeter	Gospel	antennae
liter	altar	thorax
thermometer	church	legs
Earth Day	saints	abdomen