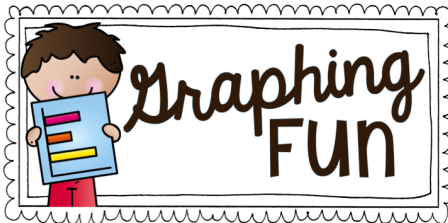


Dear First Grade Parents,

FIRST GRADE

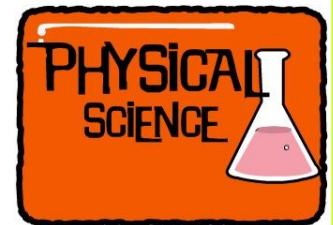
We have had a great beginning of the year and are settling into our daily routine. Everyone is enthusiastic about learning to read! We are on our third story in our second book and have been talking about the changes in seasons. In our journals, we are learning to answer questions in complete sentences with correct punctuation and lettering.



In math, we have been doing some graphing and number exploration and adding sets together.

We have been working on horizontal and vertical math problems in our book. We are also working with manipulatives and special activities to help solidify our math facts. It is a very exciting time of the day for the children!

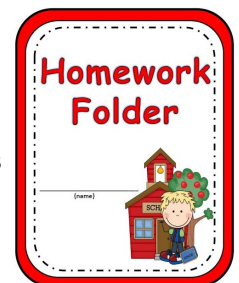
Our Science Weekly Magazine has focused on how scientists work to design, create, and solve problems. The children looked more closely at scientific tools and procedures in order to build a foundation for the study of science. We will soon begin a set of experiments that will help the children understand the properties of physical science.



In religion class, we will be learning about the saints whose feast days occurred during the week. We are also learning the different types of families in our lives: our school family, home family, and church family. We will continue to work on our "Five Finger Prayers" or Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Petitions and Intercessions. Please be sure to pray with your children daily and encourage them to pray their five finger prayers!

Our Social Studies Weekly Magazine has focused on rules and what it takes to be a good citizen. We will be learning about our community helpers and the types of service they provide for us. We will understand what a good citizen is in a variety of settings. We will be celebrating Columbus Day by incorporating facts and activities about his life and journey to the new world into our day. In September we also took time to learn about the legend of Johnny Appleseed. We used apples to introduce some of the basic skills that the children will be using this year in all subject areas. Our collection of apple activities will be put into a book and sent home.

If your child is absent, I will send home the missed assignments. Please return them to school when they are completed. The work will be in their homework folders, so, please, check for the missed work. October is typically still a hot month. I strongly urge you to continue to send a water bottle with your child every day. Please, remember that the school policy for birthday invitations states that children may pass out invitations in the classroom only if all the children are being invited or all girls or all boys. We will be having a small Halloween celebration at the end of the month. Please check your emails often as I will be sending information about upcoming events via email.



Just a few reminders: . Friday, October 7th will be a minimum day, daycare is available. We will have an all school Mass on Tuesday, October 17th at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 20, is a no school day due to a teacher in-service. October 23rd to the 27th will be Red Ribbon Week followed by the Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 28th. Please, remind your child to return their library books by Thursday in the plastic bag so they may check out a new one on Friday.

The monthly letter will be accompanied by a list of words that relate to the topics we are focusing on in class. These words will be used in the morning as well. Please, review them with your child each night so they may become familiar with them.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I understand that your children are your most precious gift, and I thank you for allowing me to be a part of their lives.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Barrios

# October Word List

write

learn

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Halloween

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teacher

fall

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pray

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ordinal

liturgical

weary

solid

parish

upset

property

apron

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California

serious

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sneaky

rude

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