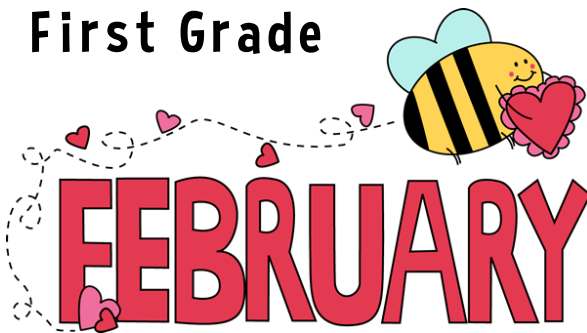


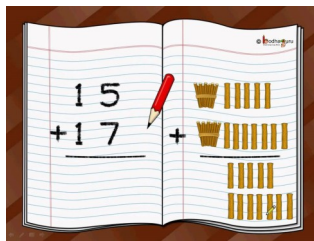
# First Grade

Dear First Grade Parents,



February will be a very busy time in first grade! We will be celebrating our 100 days in School on Tuesday, February 6th. The children have already received their 100-day bag fill with small objects, toys, or other

household objects that can be placed in the bag. Our 100-days activities will last the entire week and will be sprinkled throughout the week's lessons. The poster will be due on Monday, February 5th.



Aside from the 100-days activities and celebration, first grade will be very busy working with addition and related facts in our math book. The children will be working again with fact families and patterns in addition. It is very important the children begin to recognize doubles in both addition and subtraction. These skills will begin to form the foundation for all future mathematics lessons. We will also begin to explore solid and plane figures. This topic is very popular in first grade--as it involves plenty of

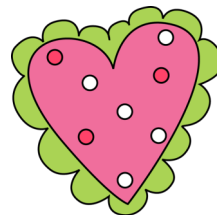
manipulatives, food, and games!

Our Language Arts curriculum will continue to develop the children's reading and writing skills. We will be focusing on vocabulary development and fluency in reading. The children will read the story of the "Red Eyed Tree Frog" which allows for a direct connection with our "Food chain" science activities. Our science unit will end with the children creating their own paper plate food chain.



Our religion studies will be very important in February as the children will begin to study the sacraments in detail. Although we will be discussing all seven sacraments, we will pay special attention to baptism, reconciliation, and communion, as they are very important to this age group. The children will learn that, with baptism, they are welcomed into God's family. Finally, communion and reconciliation is a large part of the second grade curriculum, and I will begin to expose the children this year to the importance of receiving these sacraments for the first time. The month of February will also begin the season of Lent. February 14th is Ash Wednesday and there will be a school Mass at 11:00.

On Tuesday, February 13, we will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day in the classroom. Our activities will consist of crafts and an exchange of Valentines. Please send 14 valentine cards, one for each student in the class, with your child on this day. Valentine cards must be brought to school **without a name**. Each child will pass out their valentine to every student in the class after our celebration. As the date approaches, I will provide the room moms with information about the day's celebration.



I would like to thank you for your continued support and remind you that we are partners in education, and my door is always open to you. Your children are a wonderful reminder of God's unconditional love; thank you for sharing them with me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barrios



# February Word List

sacraments

symbol

natural

food chain

Washington

mountains

resource

Lincoln

producer

president

recycle

consumer

St. Valentine

shelter

grassland

estimate

water

weather

plane

environment

edge

Eucharist

conserve

symmetry

Baptism

carnivore

vertex

Reconciliation

herbivore

face

Confirmation

omnivore

flip

Marriage

marsh

equal amounts

Anointing of the Sick

abundance

roll

Holy Orders

stream

flat surface

