

First Grade

Dear Parents,

March is a busy month in first grade! We are continuing to learn and grow in God's love by

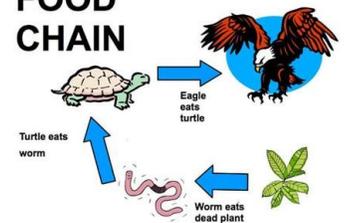


focusing on the

season of Lent. Each child has made a Lenten promise, and they have been placed on our religion board in the classroom. We are also reading and learning about Jesus' time in the desert and how his sacrifices helped him to become closer to God. In turn, our small sacrifices bring us closer to God as well. I encourage you to talk to your child about their Lenten promises and help them keep it. First grade began to discuss the meaning of Lent and its importance to our Catholic faith, and we will continue to do so throughout this very important season. We will continue our Lenten journey by following Jesus' path and, as well as, creating our own path paved with "good works."

March is also a very exciting month for our study of science. We will continue to look at living things and what they need to survive. We will be focusing on animal food chains and how each animal is adapted to eat certain foods. We will culminate our study by creating our own

FOOD CHAIN



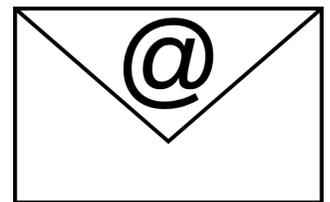
food chains.

In math, we are continuing to explore shapes and beginning to look at time and money as well. The children have begun to play with money in order to recognize coins and bills. We are also discussing the presidents on the bills and why they are on them.



Soon, we will be looking at telling time and reading digital and analog clocks. The children are very excited to learn to read the clock so that they can tell when it will be snack and lunch time!

Furthermore, we will be learning about St. Patrick and his tricky little friends, the leprechauns. The children are excited to see if they will be getting a visit from the leprechauns after St. Patrick's Day! We will be taking a closer look at St. Patrick and his special friends by having a few activities in the classroom. Please look for an e-mail to follow from the room parents.



The end of March will also bring Holy Week and our Easter celebration. I will send more information as we approach the end of March.

Just a few reminders! Stations of the Cross are every Thursday during lent and the children need to wear **dress uniform**.



Holy Week



hydrate Please remember to send in a water bottle with your child. As the weather warms up, the children should be hydrating more regularly.



As always, thank you for all your continued support. Your children are a joy to teach, and they continue to renew my faith in God's love for us.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Barrios

March Word List

quarter

dime

penny

nickel

dollar

amount

caring

respect

responsibility

globe

river

pattern

family

promise

president

leader

inventor

teeth

analog

digital

colon

round

leprechaun

Ireland

snake

adjective

forgive

sacrifice

dessert

promise

resurrected

endangered

species

prism

rainbow

remember

landform

hill

valley

beach

lake

history

protein