

Dear Parents,

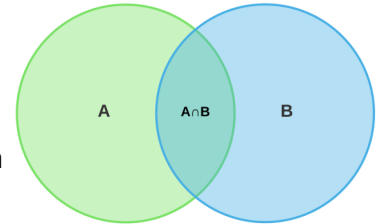
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting our Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations. The children had a great time and were very excited to have parents in the classroom to help celebrate.



thank you

These activities would not have been possible without the special volunteers and all those parents who provided supplies for the celebrations. Thank you!

First Grade will be working hard in the coming month to improve our comparing and grouping skills in math. We will be focusing on graphing and finding the mean, median, and mode in number sets. The children will be working with collecting data through surveys and arranging it in pictographs, bar graphs, real graphs, and pie charts. These comparing skills will also be applied in language arts as we begin to write comparative and opinion pieces in our writers workshop. The children will be learning about Venn Diagrams and how they can be used to help categorize information.



solid	liquid	gas
● rigid	● not rigid	● not rigid
● fixed shape	● no fixed shape	● no fixed shape
● fixed volume	● fixed volume	● no fixed volume
cannot be squashed	cannot be squashed	can be squashed

Our science curriculum in the month of December will continue to focus on solids, liquids, and gases. We will be focusing on how melting, mixing, evaporating, and freezing can have an effect on a variety of elements. This will include a few hands-on activities which the children are looking forward to. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a plant by continuing to examine the pumpkin seeds we planted in November. Thank you for your donations! The children enjoyed all the pumpkin activities last month!

As we move into the season of Advent, we will be focusing on the real reason for celebrating Christmas--the birth of Jesus. We have begun discussing the importance of caring for those in need, especially during the Advents and Christmas seasons.

Along with the idea of giving during this season, we have also begun to discuss gifts we can give to baby Jesus for his birthday. The children have been told that the best gifts we can give Jesus are kind words and actions. We will be decorating a Christmas tree together and placing "Gifts" for Jesus under the tree. Each child will be given gift wrap and asked to write something they can do for others that will be a gift for Jesus on his birthday. In addition to our class Christmas tree, we will have a small celebration in the classroom. More information will come to you via email as we get closer to the date.

*Jesus
IS THE
reason
FOR THE
Season*

As always, I thank you for your support. I want to remind you that I'm here for you and your children who are constant reminders, to me, of God's great love.

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you,
Mrs. Barrios

gentle
reminder

I wanted to remind you of some important days for December...

There is a school Mass on Tuesday, December 11 at 11:00 and **dress uniform** is required.

The Advent program will take place in the church on Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21 we will have our annual Sing -Along in the hall at 11:30. **Friday is a minimum day. Daycare will not be available on this date.** All children must be picked up at 12:00



December Words



Advent

weather

reindeer

nativity

rain

staking

tally

candy cane

pictograph

roots

forest

symbol

nutrients

star

survey

leaves

angel

data

air

liturgical calendar

range

dirt

wreath

mode

Christmas

Venn diagram

median

Apostles

pie chart

real graph

pine

save

picture graph

habitat

volunteer

living

water

fact families

sunlight

chart stem

gingerbread

