

Dear First Grade Parents,

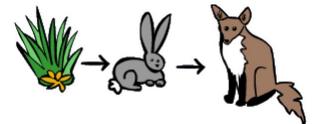
FIRST GRADE

March is a busy month for us 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."

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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!

We are further strengthening our reading skills by continuing to work on phonics and by adding reading to ourselves during SSR! The children have enjoyed becoming independent readers and look forward to using our classroom library to check out books. If your child would like to be bring books from home, they are more than welcome to do so as long as the books are age and content appropriate.

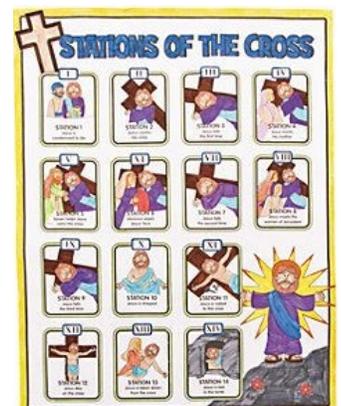


Beginning in March, the children will also begin to practice cursive writing by working on their first name. Our D'Nealian handwriting book is nearly complete and should be coming home soon. It is the next natural step to begin practicing cursive as a way to get the children better prepared for second grade!



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 on 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 mom.

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





Friday, March 1st is a minimum day with 12:00 dismissal due to our parish golf tournament. Daycare is available after school for those who need it. Wednesday, March 6th is Ash Wednesday and we will have an all school Mass at 11:00. Please be sure your child wears dress uniform on this day.

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