

First Grade News

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We have almost completed Unit 1 in our reading series. Our last story titled, *Gus Takes the Train*, is about a cat that goes for a train ride. He meets a new friend named Peg. When they get off the train, they are at the zoo. Our comprehension skill is "story structure." The children are learning about characters, setting and plot. While they are reading to you at home, please stop and ask them to name the characters, setting and problem/solution of the story or chapter they are reading. We continue to study all of our short vowel sounds. The children also added the /sh/ sound to our list of digraphs. During our writing time the children will be mapping out their own personal stories.



Today in math the children created addition story problems. They have learned that they can count up to find the missing part in a number bond. We will have our Unit 2 test on number bonds this Wednesday. We will begin taking a closer look at addition problems next week.



During God's time we've been talking about families and how they help us learn about God. We know that Jesus, Mary and Joseph are called the Holy Family. We compared our families to the Holy Family and learned that we have many things in common. The first graders did a wonderful job leading the school during our first MMO! It's not easy to stand in front of all your peers and talk. Way to go first grade!



Congratulations to Claire and Gabriel, our star students!

Reminder

Please don't forget to turn in your child's envelope for picture day, if you plan on purchasing a picture. Let me know if the scheduled time for you child's conference works for you. I will be teaching a lesson from our Safe-Touch Program. Sign and return the form if you do **not** want your children to participate. Let me know if you have any questions.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!