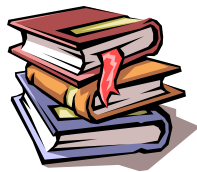


# First Grade News

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We are very busy this week. In language arts we are reading a story by Gerald McDermott titled, *How Leopard Got His Spots*. Our comprehension skill is sequencing events in a story. We have been decoding words with the /ch/ and /tch/ sound. The children have been learning how to tell the difference between common and proper nouns. We will also talk about homophones.



During our math time, we reviewed plane shapes and have begun discussing solid shapes. Today we played a game where the children had to guess the missing solid. In the homework packet, the children are assigned to find items around the house that are shaped like the solids we are studying in class. We will share these shapes on Friday. We will also sort the shapes into groups according to specific attributes.



Before our Christmas vacation, your children received their report card. During this early part of the school year, many children receive a grade of “2.” Please note that a “2” means your child is working toward grade level proficiency. **Most children are at this stage.** A grade of “3” means your child is performing at grade level. A “4” signifies that a child is working

above grade level. Definitions of the common core standards can be found at [www.k12.wa.us/CoreStandards](http://www.k12.wa.us/CoreStandards). You may keep your child’s grade report. A new report will be issued each trimester. If you have any questions, please contact me.



We have been talking about sacraments during our God’s time. We will be taking a closer look at the Sacrament of Baptism. The children will role-play the events that take place during this celebration. They will also be required to recognize the special items used and the meaning behind these symbols.



Congratulations to Johannes and Alessandra, our Star Students! Happy birthday Sheri and Grace!

## Note:

Catholic Schools Week begins January 28. We will open our week with our Sunday mass celebration. We will need students to serve at each mass as greeters and gift bearers. Let me know if you think your child would like to participate. The children have been asked to dress in their school uniforms to show their school spirit. Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 11:30. We are having a picnic lunch in the gym. You may purchase hot lunch or “brown bag it” with your favorites from home. We would love your company!

**God bless you and have a wonderful week!**