

First Grade News

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Wow! What a busy week! I hope the children enjoyed the Catholic Schools Week activities.

This week we will read the last story in our unit about nature. Our final story is titled, *Animal Groups*. The children will learn about five animal groups (fish, reptile, amphibian, bird and mammal). We will discuss some of the characteristics that are unique to each animal group. We are going to write riddles about our favorite animals. We will wrap up our theme on nature this week. Our comprehension skill for this story is compare and contrast. In phonics we are covering the long /i/ sound.



We will be making bean sticks in math to help us with place value. The children are learning to make the numbers 11 through 20 in different ways. For instance, they will learn that the number 12 can be 12 ones or 1 group of ten and 2 ones.



Next Friday is Valentine's Day. We will celebrate with a party and the traditional exchange of valentine cards. I have attached a list of the student names in case the children would like to personalize their valentines. As part of their homework, the students have been assigned the job of creating their own valentine box or bag. They will need to explain how they made their valentine container.

This week in religion we have been talking about the parts of the mass. The children learned that the words "Good News" refers to the gospel. We discussed how important it is to follow Jesus' example of obeying our parents and serving others. The children wrote a sentence and illustrated a picture telling how they can serve their families and others. Thank you for donating socks. The children said it made them feel good to help others. This is truly our faith in action!



Congratulations to Johannes and Abbey! They proudly served as our star students!

Reminder: Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will attend mass with the school at 9:00. Come join us!

God bless you and have a wonderful week!