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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **October 27** - 1st Quarter Report Cards
- **October 31** - Halloween parade, 8:15am
- **November 1** - All Saints Day Mass

Announcements:

The deadline for selecting your child's yearbook picture and ordering prints is Monday, October 23. We cannot guarantee delivery of prints before Thanksgiving for orders submitted after October 23. If you do not select a picture to be used in the yearbook, one will be selected for you.

Tuesday, October 31, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will be held at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us--we will have you line up along the sidewalk and blacktop as long as we are able to be outside; you do not need to come into the building.

Students in JK-2 may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school-approved shoes. For Tag Day, students in grades 3-8 must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:

Allowed: socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor (i.e. cat ears)

Not Allowed: hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing, teeth/fangs, costumes

Social Studies

This week we finished up our unit on Citizenship. We learned about how we can be a leader and discussed different types of leaders.

Math

This week we continued our unit on addition within 10. We learned how to find missing addends, friends of 10, adding on a number line, the associative property of addition and balanced equations. Next week we will continue learning about addition. We will finish working on addition within 10 and will start learning addition within 20.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *Pumpkin Soup*. This book tells the story of three friends (Cat, Squirrel, and Duck) who must learn to navigate the difficulties that come with friendships. We focused on literary devices such as rhythm, rhyme, and repetition, which the story uses for effect. Next week we will read *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures* and explore the connections between individuals and ideas.

Grammar

This week we focused on punctuating our sentences. We did several activities where we identified the appropriate ending punctuation (question vs. exclamation). We also practiced building and sorting sentences with the proper sentence structure (nouns, verbs, adjectives). Next week we will talk about putting words in ABC order.

Writing

This week we wrote about our story, *Pumpkin Soup*, and pumpkins. Inspired by the story, we practiced adding repetition, rhythm and rhyme to our own writing. We also crafted question-sentences and exclamation-sentences. We continued practicing our writing skills during Daily 5 writing activities as well.

Theology

In Theology this week, we began learning about our liturgical calendar, including the focus of each season and the colors associated with them. As we move through the liturgical seasons this school year, we'll take time to examine each one more in depth. Next week, we will focus on Ordinary Time and what we learn from the gospel during this season.

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Complete Spiral Math Review 7

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. October = Candy).

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 7

Religion- Practice Hail Mary Prayer