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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **March 29 - April 7** - Easter Break
- **April 27** - CCS Gala Auction
- **May 1** - 1st Grade Field Trip to Wildrock (More details to follow)

Announcements:

We can hardly believe the year is moving so quickly and spring break has arrived! We wish each of our students and their families a blessed Holy Week and a very Happy Easter! We hope you enjoy the Resurrection Eggs students brought home with them over the break. To enjoy this activity as it was originally intended, grab your favorite version of the account of the Passion of Our Lord and read it with your child, opening the eggs along the way as you read. The book we read this Holy Thursday was by, but the items can be adapted to different versions. Here is a list of the items found inside the eggs:

- 1 - Donkey - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem riding a donkey on Palm Sunday
- 2 - Coin - Jesus discovers the money lenders in the temple and expels them
- 3 - Cracker - Jesus joins his friends for the Passover meal, the first celebration of the Eucharist and His Last Supper
- 4 - Leaves - The agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane
- 5 - Whip - Jesus is arrested and scourged
- 6 - Thorn - Jesus is given a crown of thorns to wear on His head
- 7 - Cross - Jesus carries the cross
- 8 - Nail - Jesus is crucified
- 9 - Die - The soldiers gamble for Jesus' garments
- 10 - White linen - Jesus is wrapped in white linen after being taken down from the cross

11 - Stone - the stone covers the tomb where His body lays
12 - This egg is empty because...the tomb is empty! He is Risen!

We hope they will be a gift to your family and a Holy Week tradition in the years to come!

Joyfully,

Mrs. Mauney & Mrs. Milnor

Spring Dress begins on Monday, April 8 (when we return from Easter Break)

Social Studies

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we continued our unit on money and focused on solving word problems within 99 cents. We ended the week with an assessment on money and financial literacy. When we return from break, we will be learning about time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we finished examining Fairy Tales and some common characteristics (e.g., Good vs. Evil, magic, and talking animals). We focused on *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* as well as the fractured Fairy Tale, *The Mermaid*. We compared the original with the new adapted version, which was aimed at providing additional humor and some unexpected twists to the story. We also continued to look at story elements (i.e., plot, setting, characters, problem, and solution).

Grammar

Our focus this week was on Compound Words. We introduced and highlighted individual words with unique meanings and discussed how these words, when combined, create a new word with their own meanings. We also continued to practice using commas in a series, identifying proper conjunctions, and identifying other parts of speech.

Writing

There were several ways we wrote this week. We wrote about story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution, themes) found in popular Folktales. We also practiced the skills of Comparing/Contrasting, Describing, incorporating Commas in a Series, and Conjunctions into our writing during various types of activities. Additionally, we had many writing opportunities across content areas including sentence dictation, spelling, written responses in science and math, and addressing new vocabulary. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Theology

In Theology, we began the week by participating in Adoration as students wrote letters and drew pictures to Jesus while visiting with Him in the Holy Eucharist. Later, we completed our

Story of Easter directed drawing booklets by talking about the burial of Jesus and His resurrection on Easter Sunday! Finally, we finished the week with our Resurrection Eggs. As I read the story of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, students opened their eggs to find the treasures inside that coordinated with the account. We hope your family enjoys these eggs for years to come!

Science

This week we started learning about the solar eclipse that we will view on April 8 :) Please keep those toilet paper/ paper towel rolls coming!

Other Information

Colder Weather is still here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside and even though the temps get warm in the afternoon it is quite chilly in the morning.

Summer Dress

Shorts and ankle socks are back! Please have your child try on their uniform shorts to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

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)

No Homework :)