

December 2, 2019

PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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"Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."

-The Polar Express

Upcoming Events

December 5th

Soup Kitchen item due!

December 9th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass (led by 1st Grade)

December 12th

Soup Kitchen item due!

December 13th

Report Cards sent home

December 19th

HRS Christmas Program at 6:15pm

Reminders

- * It is the beginning of the month, so our \$1 on the first of the month to support our Ugandan students is here! Thank you so much for your support!
- * At the Feast of the Immaculate Conception mass, 1A & 1B will be helping with the introduction, Prayers of the Faithful, taking up the gifts, & reciting the Hail Mary.

Thank you for your time during our conferences! It was wonderful to sit down and celebrate all that your child has accomplished so far this year! Thank you for all you do and for your support of our first grade classroom.

When I think about our classroom, the first word that comes to mind is JOY. Joy of learning, joy that comes with spending time with loved ones, joy in this special season of waiting for Christmas...what a wonderful time of year with wonderful, joyful first graders! Happy 1st week of Advent!

Some curriculum news for the week:

Religion

We will begin our study of Advent, as this past Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent! We'll discuss the symbolism of the Advent wreath: the use of evergreens, the circle, and the candles. We will also discuss how Advent is a time to prepare our hearts as we wait for the coming of Jesus.

Science

We will be beginning a unit on Light and Sound this week! This unit is a part of a STEM curriculum called Project Lead the Way. We will be learning about the unique properties of light and sound, as well as how people can communicate over a distance. To begin our study, we read a story that presented the children with a problem: three children and a chaperone were hiking in the woods and separated from their group. They had a limited amount of materials in their backpack in which to communicate with their group. As a culminating project in our study of light and sound, students will be given the materials in the students' backpacks to create a device which communicates over a distance, using light, sound, or both.

Language Arts

Our spelling words this week are us, sun, but, fur, bus, run, jump, and must (we are focusing on short u words). Our challenge word is Advent! Our dictation sentence is I am big. If you'd like to give your child an extra challenge, have them practice another short u word or two that has two syllables (like unwrap or suddenly)!

A PEEK INTO OUR CLASS

OUR STAR OF THE WEEK

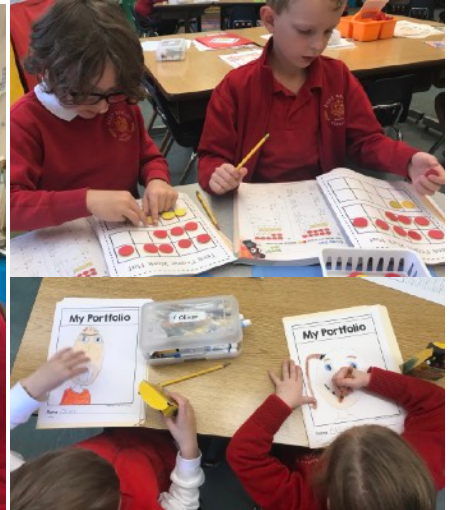


BEAU

Beau was our Star of the Week this past week! We learned that he loves football, science, and the colors red & black! His favorite animal is a wolf. His favorite things to do at home are snuggle with his cat and read. Beau wants to be a basketball player when he grows up. He is thoughtful, funny, and athletic! We are so happy and blessed to have Beau as a part of our 1A family.



Missing teeth twins!



Some of our self portraits from our portfolios!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
PAIGE!!

"For God so loved, He gave from a heart of Gratitude"

First Grade Advent Giving Project

Two ways to give!

- * 1 can of food to fill our HRS Food Closet
and
- * 1 item that we will use to fill decorated gift bags for our Holy Rosary Women's Shelter (in most cases, this will be the only gift these women receive during this holiday season).

Your Women's Shelter item (due by 12/13):

Please see the attached handout on the
hardcopy of our newsletter for your Women's
Shelter item!

Thank you for your continued
support of our service to
others!

Diane Blanco & Nikki McNerney

