# PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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"And now, we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."

-Rainer Maria Rilke

## Upcoming Events

<u>January 9th</u> Soup Kitchen item due!

<u>January 16th</u> Soup Kitchen item due!

<u>January 20th</u> No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Week of January 26th Catholic Schools Week!

<u>January 29th</u> Grandparents/Special Friends Day

### Reminders

- \* Soup Kitchen items (fresh or canned vegetables, broth, rice, pasta, etc.) are are due the first two Thursdays of every month. Thank you for your support!
- # If your child can earn a dollar or two at home by doing a chore to donate to our Ugandan fund at the beginning of this month, that would be wonderful!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to school! I hope you and your family had a wonderful, joyful Christmas and New Years. I am so excited for 2020 with our 1A family!!



Some curriculum news for the week

### Religion

We will be discussing "Jesus the Healer" as we learn about how Jesus cared for and healed others, and how this healing shows God's power and love. We will also be learning about the Epiphany (which we celebrate on January 6th), when the three wise men came to visit the baby Jesus.

#### Math

We are finishing up our unit on subtraction! We have been working with fact families, which are groups of related facts. An example of a fact family is: 5+4=9, 4+5=9, 9-5=4, and 9-4=5. We use our knowledge of related facts to find missing addends; when we see 4+=10, we can think "10-4" to find the missing addend.

### Language Arts

This week, we will be reading folktales and informational texts on rainforest animals. We'll be learning more about plot and focusing on asking questions while reading to aid comprehension of the text. Our spelling words this week are chin, chip, chop, rich, much, chick, match, and pitch (we are focusing on words with ch and tch). Our challenge word is Epiphany. Our dictation sentence is "He is a good pet."

