

PEEK AT OUR WEEK

Miss McNerney's First Grade Newsletter, Issue 5



"Listen! the wind is rising,
And the air is wild with leaves.
We have had our summer evenings,
Now for October eves."

-Humbert Wolfe

What another wonderful week in first grade!! Our classroom always seems to be bursting full of laughter and love. We have been enjoying the cooler weather, observing leaves, predicting what happens when you mix baking soda and vinegar, and creating messy art projects!



Upcoming Events

October 10th

Soup Kitchen item due!

October 11th

Teacher Inservice-- No School!

October 22nd

Field Trip to Remlinger Farms

October 24th

Picture Retake Day

October 18th

Mid Trimester Reports sent home

Reminders

- * We are beginning our pumpkin unit in Science! If you are able to send in a pumpkin (any size/shape/color), we would love to observe them/ use them in some experiments!
- * Thank you to all who contributed \$1 this month for our One-on-One collection last week!

Some curriculum news for the week:

Math

We are now beginning our second chapter on subtraction concepts, which provides a study of the relationship between addition and subtraction. We will learn how to symbolize these processes and how smaller numbers fit together to make larger numbers. We will also integrate counting, computing, and patterning into our study.

Reading

In reading this week, we will be looking at neighborhoods as we read/write words with short e and those with consonants w and y. Adjectives will be introduced this week, which will tie into our study on word choice (thinking about the words we can add to our writing to replace overused ones).

Science

We will begin our pumpkin unit this week! We will be observing the inside & outside of pumpkins and learning about the pumpkin life cycle. We have a variety of wonderful literature on pumpkins to read and explore, including "The Pumpkin Book," by Gail Gibbons and "How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?" by Margaret McNamara.

Religion

We are continuing our study of Creation in our "Made to Care" chapter. We will learn that all creation is a gift from God. Humans must help to care for all of God's gifts. We will discuss various ways in which we, as a Holy Rosary community as well as members of our West Seattle community, can practice good stewardship of God's creations.

A PEEK INSIDE 1A

We are using an app called "Seesaw" on our classroom iPads as a learning/assessment tool, as well as a digital portfolio! Each student has his/her own portfolio to which they can upload various artifacts. This week we observed what happens when you mix baking soda & vinegar. Students partnered up: one poured the vinegar into the baking soda & one recorded a video for their Seesaw portfolios.



I will be sending out an email in the next few weeks so that you can have access to your child's portfolio (only you as the parent can have access to your child's portfolio, along with myself and your child).

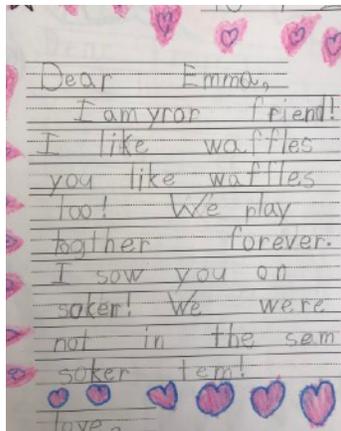
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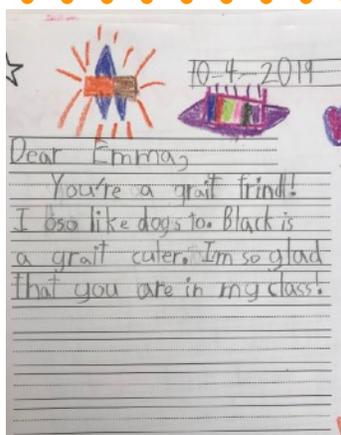
EMMA

Emma was our Star of the Week this past week! We learned that she loves dogs, cereal and waffles, and science. Her favorite colors are pink, white, and black. Emma wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

Emma is a kind, creative, and fun friend. We are so happy to have Emma as a part of our 1A family!



We love celebrating our Star of the Week. One way we celebrate him/her is by making a book for the Star. In the book is a letter from each student.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



A huge thank you to our first Secret Reader, Emily Smith!