

# PEEK at OUR WEEK

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“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

-Joseph Campbell



This upcoming month we will continue to focus on and discuss the many blessings God gives us. We will concentrate on the gospel value of gratitude and give thanks for our lives. Dialogue will continue about the qualities of saints, both in heaven and on earth.

## Some curriculum news for the week:

### Language Arts

It is now time for spelling words! Using our previously learned phonograms, we will be learning new words each week, which we'll analyze and record using our best handwriting in our spelling notebooks at school. Our spelling words will be tested each Friday and should be practiced each evening at home (orally, written, or both)! This week's words are: in, will, did, sit, six, big (all with short i!), and our challenge word is God.

### Second Step

Our next few social-emotional curriculum lessons include “Self-Talk for Learning” and “Being Assertive.” We will learn that self-talk means talking to yourself quietly out loud in a quiet voice or in your head; it can help you to focus and maintain attention. When we discuss being assertive, we will talk about using an assertive posture (face the person you're talking to, keep your head up and shoulders back) and an assertive tone of voice (a calm, firm voice and respectful words).

### Math

We are finishing up our chapter on subtraction concepts this week and will be moving into our new chapter on addition strategies to 20. We will be learning all about various ways to help us add (counting on, using a number line, using doubles facts, making ten, adding in any order, and adding three numbers by adding two together first & then adding the third).

## Upcoming Events

November 7th

Soup Kitchen item due

November 11th

No School: Veteran's Day

November 14th

Soup Kitchen item due

November 25th-27th

No School: Parent/Teacher/  
Student Conferences

November 28th-29th

No School: Happy  
Thanksgiving!

## Reminders

- \* Conference sign-ups will be out on Thursday at 11am on the HRS website! Your child is required to come along for the conference (s/he will be leading the conference).
- \* I'll be testing students on the Sign of the Cross and the Hail Mary this week. Keep practicing at home (including the Our Father prayer)!
- \* If you'd like to sign up to be a Secret Reader, there are some dates available (link on the 1A website)

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



## LUCAS

Lucas was our Star of the Week this week! We learned that he loves lizards, the color green, mac and cheese, Buzz Lightyear, and playing on the big toy! Lucas' favorite color is green, his favorite place to travel to is Palm Desert, and his favorite ice cream is mudslide ice cream.

Lucas wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up. We are so happy to have Lucas as a part of our 1A family!



We had a BLAST at our Halloween Party! Thank you again to all who joined us (and especially Libby Pickthorn for organizing)!!



On our field trip, we took a train ride, fed farm animals, jumped in hay and ran through a hay maze, learned about and observed soil, and sang and danced. We had a blast!