

# \*\*\*Classroom News\*\*

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School

Grade 1

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\*When we attend mass we are remembering the Last Supper of Jesus. That night He gave us His body and blood, in Eucharist. Through Eucharist we are strengthened for whatever life might bring our way. This was our focus in religion last week.

As you attend mass, you might want to point out the consecration, or changing of the bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood.



Eucharist is central to what we believe as Catholics.

We are also studying how God forgives us. The Lord's Prayer, commonly called, the Our Father reminds us to forgive others as we want to be forgiven. Students should have this prayer memorized.

\*In math we are working with unknown partners, or addends for teen totals. For example:  $\_\_ + 7 = 15$ . We solve this type of problem by counting on, or making a ten. In the problem,  $\_\_ + 7 = 15$ , making a 10, involves adding 3 to the 7 to make a 10. Then there are 5 ones to add from the 15. So,  $3 + 5 = 8$ . 8 is the answer. This is a new strategy that will take some practice, but one that is "user friendly."

\*February 3<sup>rd</sup> is listed on the calendar as a D day, but it is really a C day.

\*Next week we will finish our reading book. At the end of the week we will take an assessment. It will help us know what might need to be reinforced.

The best thing you can do for your child is to read, read, and read some more. By this time of year, your child should be reading to you. Practice reading the word wall words will also help your child gain confidence.



\*Proper nouns, titles, and how to write them has been taught. We try very hard to remember to use capital letters and periods in our writing.

\*Some of the first graders discovered a web site that allows them to earn rice for the poor. The site is



[freerice.com](http://freerice.com). Students can answer questions about vocabulary, grammar, Spanish, math, and more. Each subject is also leveled so individual needs are met. Why not give it a try? How much rice can you earn for the poor?

\*Consider joining us for lunch and games on Thurs. Feb. 3 during Catholic Schools' Week. More information is attached to this newsletter.

\*God bless you and your family.