

***Classroom News**

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School

Grade 1

November 18, 2011

*God made everything with a purpose. Our purpose is to love God and to love others. It is important to show our love to others and not just say the words, "I love you."

*We are moving right along in reading! Students are working hard on reading orally. The short i sound is being reviewed. Your child should be able to sound out any short i word. As something fun to do at home, try making as many words as you can using the -it, -in, -ip, -ig, or -id endings.

*November 15th was Mrs. Healy's birthday. The first graders came up with a brilliant idea. We made a giant card and all of the students in school signed it. Then we gathered in the hallway, sang Happy Birthday.

Yesterday was "Principal Appreciation Day." After brainstorming adjectives that described Mrs. Healey, each of wrote one on a star. These were then taped to the office door. She had a nice surprise when she

arrived! Every hour on the hour we gave her a stem of flowers. Students enjoyed taking the flowers to her.

*In math we are continuing to learn the basic addition and subtraction facts. We call them number partners and totals rather than addends and sums. What they are called doesn't matter. We still need to memorize them.

*After Thanksgiving we will be switching back for science and social studies. Each teacher will have her own class. Mrs. Kellermann will teach the unit, "Living in a Community." Science with Mrs. Bergman will be all about magnets.

*Junior Achievement is officially over. We thank the volunteers for sharing their knowledge and time with us.

*God's blessing to you and your family!

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