

## FIRST GRADE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

**The Second Commandment—You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Special Points of Interest:

- Fire Dept. visit at 8:30 a.m. on Tues., Oct. 4th
- Parent Conferences—Thursday, October 6th and Oct. 13th
- Picture Retake Day—Oct. 12th
- St. Mary's Halloween Party—Tuesday, October 25th
- Thurs. Oct. 27th—Fall Break—No School—Teacher In-Service
- Friday, October 28th—Fall Break—No School



**Religion**—During the month of October we will be working in Chapter 3 to understand that the Bible is the written word of God, Chapter 4 where they will learn about Prayers of Praise and then in anticipation of All Saint's Day on Tuesday, November 1st I would like each child (with the help of their parents) to find out information about their Patron Saint. In Chapter 6 we will be talking about the Sacrament of Baptism and at that time I'll be asking the children to bring in something from their Baptism (clothing, or candle or pictures).

**Math**—This month we will cover some basic introductory addition and subtraction work, different types of graphing and some fun with our study of tally marks, picture graphs and bar graphs.

**Reading and Language Arts**—The students have finished their first Practice Reading Workbook (a review of Kindergarten) and will now work in their first hard cover Reading Book and their second Practice Workbook. During this month we will also begin to have Spelling lists of words to study for Friday Spelling tests.

**Science**— We had our first butterfly emerge on 9/30 and this week we will let it fly to places south of Wisconsin. The students have taken their mealworms home to watch them eventually turn into beetles. So much excitement in our first grade science lessons!