

First Grade Newsletter – Week of Sept. 12th

Special Notes:

- **There has been a lunch menu change for this week: Please change the food for the 15th to the 14th and the 14th's to the 15th.**
- **Please make this change on the September calendar that I sent home at the beginning of the month: We will have our extra Art class on Thursday, Sept. 15th and not on the 23rd.**
- **We have Library on Tuesday each week so please remind your child to bring back their Library books on Tuesday.**
- **School pictures are this Thursday so it will be a “Dress Up Day”. Normally we have a “Witness Wear Day” on Guidance Day which is also this day, but NOT on Picture Day.**

Religion: This week in our Religion classes your child will learn that they belong to the Catholic Church; they will pray and practice the Sign of the Cross and the Our Father and Mass is on Friday morning at 8:10 a.m. Last week Fr. Paul Paider visited our class for the first time and he will visit us once a month throughout the year. The students had several good questions for Father and Father talked about Our Blessed Mother's Feast Day.

Math: We will work in Chapter I this week on the following concepts: recognizing and counting sets of 10 – 20; model sets of 10 – 20 on ten frame mats and double ten frame mats; order numbers using the words number line, before, after and between; identify numbers in a sequence counting forward and backward; and identify and practice using the number words for numbers ten through twenty.

Reading/Language Arts: This week we will review our high frequency words can, look, the, my, and introduce come, down, and, all, play. Our grammar topic will be verbs and nouns; our writing topics will be sentences with attention to the verbs and nouns. We'll develop the concepts of categorizing words, identifying like and different and continued work with rhyming words. We'll read the leveled readers: Look, Pat and Nan, Come and Play and My Book.

Science: We started our Science study with a lesson on butterflies, but we still haven't found any caterpillars to watch turn into butterflies. Can everyone look just one more time for the black and orange caterpillars and some milk weed for them to eat? We will then go on to a unit on our senses where we will investigate, describe and observe the qualities of these five senses to gain a deeper understanding of them above and beyond our previous knowledge.

Social Studies: Our first Social Studies lesson was composing our Class Rules.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all the parents who made the effort to attend our Parent Night. I hope you gained an appreciation of the curriculum that your child will be learning this year as well as an understanding of some of my expectations for our class. Please feel free to always ask me any question that you might have during the year. As I mentioned that evening, I'm always in need of volunteers so please offer your assistance whenever possible.

Thank you,
Mrs. Bowen