



First Grade News

Fabulous First Graders

Mrs. Donohue's Class

April 1, 2011

Happy Spring Break

Happy Spring (I think)! The Lord has been teasing us with the weather lately. We are all very anxious in first grade for the warm weather to arrive.

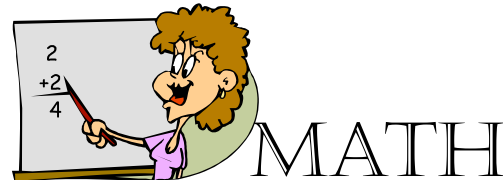
I hope you and your families have a wonderful and restful week off of school. I hope to see many bright, happy and healthy faces back here on **Monday, April 11**. I am hoping to spend some quiet time with my husband in Williamsburg VA and Washington DC.

A big thank you to Mrs. Rosloniec for undertaking the project of putting together our ice cream party. It was **FANTASTIC!** I am hoping to have a "pom pom" party after Spring Break. The class has filled the pom pom jar!!!

Be safe next week!!

God Bless,

Kelly



In math we continue our study of **place value, data and graphs**. We will finish up at the end of the first week that we get back. This is a hard concept for first graders, but we are working hard on it!

Keep practicing that Mastering Math Facts! Two of our students have already finished the addition and is now on subtraction.

Book Collection

Thank you also to all the families that donated new or gently used books to Family Haven this month. There will be many children who will be thrilled to read these books. Thank you again for your generosity!



Ice Cream Scoops

Almost everyone in our class read 21 books or more and earned an ice cream party!!!! I am so proud of them. We had a good time eating ice cream. Thank you Mrs. Rosloniec!!

Religion

This week for religion we talked a lot about **Lent**. On April 14th the children will have **reconciliation** with Father Jim.

After Break we will talk about **Holy Week**, **New Life** all around us in Spring and the new life of **Jesus** when he rose from the dead on **Easter Sunday!**



Reading/Writing

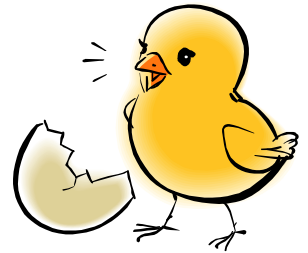


Our Word Wall Words this week were: **very, those, an, run, not**. The week after break the words will be: **of, us, here, him, then**. For our Guided Reading we will be reading the story "**The Wild Woods**." This past week we read "**Little Lumpty**." We had fun writing a newspaper article about the story.

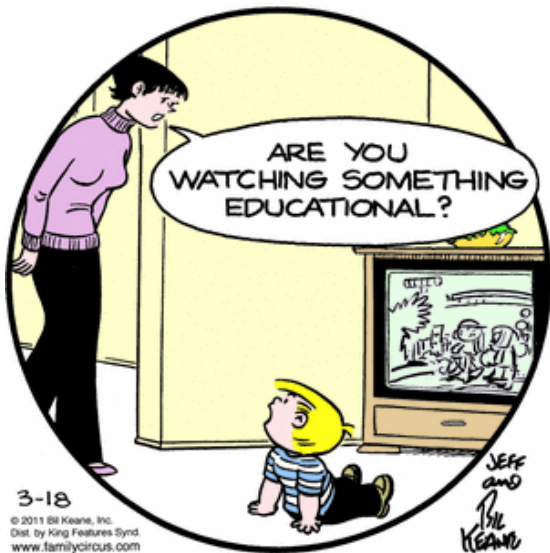
We will begin writing and reading some simple poetry soon.

Science

This week we talked about **how animals grow and change**. Some animals just get bigger and start to look more like the parent animal, but some animals go through a metamorphosis. We read about how frogs start out with gills like fish as tadpoles and become frogs. We also talked about the metamorphosis of a butterfly.



Soon we will be hatching baby chicks with Mrs. Lake's class. So **after Spring break we will be talking about chicks**. This will be an **EGGcellent** time.



"No, it's actually pretty good."

Important Dates to Remember

April 4-10 SPRING BREAK

April 11 School Resumes



THE GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED, GIVE
AS A GIFT