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## First Grade News

### Fabulous First Graders

Mrs. Donohue's Class

March 4, 2011

Happy March!

Wow! Did we have a couple of busy days this week! We had a good time with books by Dr. Seuss. **Green Eggs and Ham Day** was a fun time. Many of the children were surprised that they really did like green eggs. Mr. Donohue and myself tried to dramatically read *Green Eggs and Ham* aloud to the students. I don't think we are ready for Broadway yet. Give us a few more years.

We also had a visit from **The Cat in the Hat** (Shhhhhh... Mr. Donohue). That was a nice surprise and a lot of fun.

**We have rescheduled our trip to Schuler Books.** It will be **Wednesday, March 23.** A permission slip will be coming home soon.

Well, I think we are all looking forward to Spring! Hopefully it is just around the corner. Thank you again for all that you do!

God Bless,

Kelly

### Book Collection

As a service project the First Grade classes are collecting **new or gently used books** during the entire month of March for Family Haven. If you have any books you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please send them with your child to school with a note labeled

Family Haven.



### Ice Cream Scoops

When you need more scoops for the ice cream bowl of reading, I have told the students where they are and they can pick them out and bring them home. If they forget, please e-mail or voice mail me and I will help remind them to pick some up to take home. Please have your child put their name on the back of each scoop.

### Ash Wednesday Mass

The first grade will be attending the all school Ash Wednesday Mass on March 9th at 12:30. If you can come and sit with the class, to help us stay focused, please meet us in our classroom at 12:20. Thank you so much!

THE GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED,  
GIVE AS A GIFT

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## Religion

We are focusing on Lent during the next few weeks, as I am sure you are. We are talking about personal choices and how we have to choose to do the right thing. Lent is a time to reflect and think about those choices.

We are also discussing the Church's celebrations. We will explain why the Mass is the most important celebration of the Church.

## Math

In Math we are finishing up our unit on counting to 100. The students did very well with this concept. We will begin working with place value, data, and graphs next week. Keep working on those math facts!

## Science and Social

We just finished up our unit on the Sun. We found it very interesting. This week we began talking about animals and what they need, along with their differences and similarities. We will learn that mammals 1. have fur or hair; 2. mothers feed their babies milk from their bodies; and 3. move.

The following week we will be discussing the other groups of animals: birds, amphibians, insects, fish, and reptiles.

We will also talk about animal life cycles.

## Reading/Writing

Our Word Wall Words this week were: how, more, their, black, dry. Next week the words will be: over, want, but, new, talk. You will get a complete list of Word Wall Words before Spring Break.

For our Guided Reading we will be reading the story "Making Friends, Keeping Friends." Next week we will be reading "Rex and Lilly, Playtime" in Guided Reading.

We are going to start working on learning how to write a descriptive paragraph. I will demonstrate how to make a web and use it to write their paragraph. Then the students will choose an animal and do their own web. They can use the same web to make their report for their homework (instructions coming in a week or so.) or they can choose a new animal. The web will really organize their thinking and help them to write a wonderful paragraph!

## Important Dates to Remember

- March 8- Library Books due
- March 9- All school Mass: Ash Wednesday
- March 9- Book Orders Due
- March 11- No School: Teacher Inservice
- March 14- Library Books due
- March 23- Schuler Books Field Trip
- March 25- End of 3rd Quarter

