



LAKE'S LINES



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Mrs. Lake's Classroom Newsletter

Fantastic First Graders

Dear Almost 2nd Grade Parents,

I can't believe this year just flew by! Thank you for your support and beautiful children this year.

We enjoyed a visit from Deborah Armstrong, the director of ICCF Family Haven. She came to pick up our donated books and to talk to the kids about what they do at Family Haven to help people who need homes. Please support this wonderful place any way you can. If you are getting rid of things, think of them. Some of the kids wanted to donate some toys to the kids. Their phone number is 247-4949 and they are located at 701 Prospect SE. They appreciate anything you can give them—especially items for kids.

Please call me for anything. My extension is 335. My email is hlake@stthomasgr.org and my home number (before 8 PM please) is 452-8875.

Skittle Count
215

Commit Your Life to
Jesus Christ!!

Zoo and Picnic

Thank you for being flexible with our zoo trip. Unfortunately, the storms that were predicted (80%!!!) never showed up! We are all rescheduled for Tuesday, June 5 with the exact same timeline. We will have lunch at 11:00. The zoo people say the covered area is a first come- first served basis. So if any parents want to get there a little early to set things up we might get it that early! Let me know if you can do this. Please bring the same item you were asked to bring before. Please bring your items right to the zoo when you come. We will leave for the zoo class and touring at 11:45. There are 4 chaperones for each class accompanying us on the zoo part. If no one from your family is able to make the lunch—please let me know ahead of time. Pray for a beautiful day—it's our last chance! We will see you at the zoo from 11AM to 11:45 AM. Thank you so much for your help and flexibility with this

Religion

This week we learned how God's love is forever and that Jesus died so we can live with God forever.

Next week we will read the chapter called "Home with God" and talk about the Beatitudes and how we can be happy with God through our lives.

Reading/Writing

This week we read "Jenny's Journey" a super cute story about a girl whose friend moves away and they write letters and she tells how she will come to visit them. We are **finished with the reading series** for first grade! They are reading fluently and with expression. It is so much fun to see. I've pulled some harder books for Guided Reading for next week and the week after. Next week we will be reading, "Danny and the Dinosaur" together and mapping the story.

The **poetry** they wrote for the coffee house was fantastic! And then they wrote poems about themselves to hang at coffee house. They brought home a book of the poems of the whole class that I'm sure they will enjoy reading over and over at home.

For **Working With Words**, we have been practicing putting endings onto words, we've been playing sight word BINGO and we've been making words. We are also finishing up our word family books, so they will be home soon.

Math

We are still doing a **minute and a half** for our "One Minute Math." It is getting challenging for them. They **really have to know those math facts**. Please continue to do those flash cards. It may seem like they know them, but without repetition, it won't become part of the **permanent memory**, it will still be hanging out in that temporary part of the brain.

We are working on **place value** for the next couple of weeks. We finished **measurement** this week.

Science and Social Studies

We are going to start a brief look at **plants** next week. We will learn about their different parts and we will look at each of those parts and their jobs in depth.

For Social Studies we have been talking about **laws and leaders**. We talked about what makes a good leader and a bad leader. We learned that good leaders help people do the right thing. We talked about all the great leaders we have around us. Next week we will talk about **votes and the many important symbols we have in our country**.

Upcoming Events

Field Day

Monday, May 21 AM

Non-Uniform Day

Monday, May 22

Memorial Day, No school

Monday, May 28

7th Grade Anointing Mass (All School)

Friday, June 1, 9:55 AM

Gil Keller Retirement Party

Friday, June 1

6-8:30 PM Wilcox Park

Zoo trip and Picnic

Tuesday, June 5

