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Mrs. Lake's Classroom Newsletter

Fantastic First Graders

Dear Almost 2nd Grade Parents,

Here it is, your **last newsletter for first grade**. It has been such a wonderful, exciting year. We have been so busy learning so much all year. They are getting so tall and really look like second graders. It has been a real pleasure for me to be part of their lives this year. They are each such unique and wonderful creations of God. Thank you for sharing them with me this year and letting me get to know each of them and their gifts and talents. I will miss them next year!

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.** I will check email a few times this summer, but not with any consistency- as I will be in and out and the computers will be receiving summer maintenance. You can feel free to call me at home if you need anything this summer. We are building a new house, so we may be moving in the summer if we can sell our current house. I will check messages at school as well. Have an EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER!!

Commit Your Life to
Jesus Christ!!

End of the Year

A couple reminders for the end of the year:

Please make sure your child has their **backpack** every day next week, as there will be a lot of stuff heading home each day. If a book comes home that isn't completed, don't panic! (I'm thinking of the math book in particular.) We HAVE completed our entire 1st grade curriculum. For some things, we didn't use the book, and for others it was overkill. It will be a nice resource for the summer.

Remember to join us at the park at **John Ball Zoo for lunch at 11:00** on Tuesday. Please bring the item you were assigned a couple weeks ago to share with everyone. If you are unable to come, please let me know right away. We will see you there!

Religion

This week we enjoyed celebrating the **special mass** with the 7th and 8th graders to anoint the new leaders of our school and have the last mass with 8th graders.

In our Religion books, we will read next week **The New Creation**. This chapter is about Heaven and how we can make a little heaven on earth.

Reading/Writing

This week we read several different books. The kids got to pick a story and share in **literature groups**. They then completed a story map that went home. They liked being able to pick out a book to read. Next week we will read some **short stories** and do some activities.

For **Working With Words**, we have been finishing up our **Word Family books** to send home next week. We have also been practicing putting endings on words and using word wall words to make new words. We have been enjoying the occasional Sight Word BINGO game as well. Their vocabulary is expanding so quickly now!

Make sure you **read and read and read** some more this summer! Encourage your child to **write** also. They can help make the grocery list, or write at the end of the day what they did that day. They will be bringing home their **Wonderful Word Wall Word notebooks** as well and they can add in words as they learn them this summer!

Math

PLEASE keep up the flashcard practice this summer. I still see many of them counting to find the answers to the addition facts. Remember, the goal is to get those facts into permanent memory.

We finished working on **place value** and will spend a little time next week on **geometry and fractions**. We are going to make a cool Pizza Fractions book. Their book will come home with lots more practice for the summer!

Science and Social Studies

This week we learned about the **different parts of plants and their jobs** for the plant. Next week we will finish learning about **plants** and how seeds are spread.

We have been focusing on finishing up our unit in **Social Studies** that has to do with being a **good citizen**. We will read about some famous good citizens to finish up next week.

Upcoming Events

Zoo Trip

Tuesday, June 5

8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, June 6

Closing Mass

Friday, June 8, 9:55 AM

Last Day of School, 11:00 Dismissal

Friday, June 8

First Day of 2nd Grade

Tuesday, September 4

Have a FANTASTIC
SUMMER!!

I love summer letters! My
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