



LAKE'S LINES



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Mrs. Lake's Classroom Newsletter

Fantastic First Graders

I really enjoyed conferences last week! It was such a wonderful opportunity to talk about your first grader and all their accomplishments already this year! It is so nice to get a chance to sit down and talk with you. This really is such a fabulous group of kids and I'm excited to be able to share with you how great they are!

Don't forget our wonderful Thanksgiving Play, "The Pilgrims Came" performed by your amazing first grader!!! It is Monday, November 23 at 9 AM in the church basement. It is a SHORT play, so don't be late, or you might miss it! We are having refreshments following. Call Michelle Figueroa if you can help out with that.

The next newsletter will come following Thanksgiving break on Friday, December 4.

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We are ONE Body
in CHRIST!!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!



Pottery, Pictures and Pizza!

Don't forget we are heading out on Monday for our special 1st grade field trip. Thank you so much to Julie Line-Neumann and Bob Neumann for opening their studio to us for our field trip on Monday. If you know **Jadene Giamb Bernardi**, she also helped make this day possible. It is all top secret, so you'll have to wait to see our awesome creations, but it will be well worth the wait! No uniform on Monday and no lunch needed!

Once the snow starts coming in West Michigan, we will be staying inside for morning recess as a general rule. It just isn't practical to get all their stuff on for a 15-minute recess. They will still have lunch recess at the park. In the event of a nice, dry winter day we will head outside.

Reading/Writing

Our word wall words this week were: **big, come, he, she, up**. Next weeks' words will be: **there, for, we, the, day**. We will spend our short week reviewing the word wall words we have had so far. I will send home a list for you.

The first graders are continuing to write a lot in their **journals**. They enjoyed picking out what to show you at conferences.

For Guided Reading this week we read a story called "**Big Brown Bear**." The kids made their own little book to share at home. Next week for guided reading we will be reading "**Cloudy Day, Sunny Day**" and comparing our activities depending on the weather. During the short week **stories for Thanksgiving** and doing some activities.

Upcoming Events

Pottery, Pizza, and Pictures!!!

Monday, November 16

All School Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 20, 9:55 AM

Miles' Birthday!!!!

Monday, November 23

"The Pilgrim's Came" play

Mon., Nov. 23, 9 AM, Church Basement

No School—Thanksgiving Break

Wed., November 25- Fri., November 27

Owen's Birthday!!!!

Tuesday, December 1



Science and Social Studies

This week in Science we started talking about the **sun and how it affects our weather**. In Social Studies we started working on our **wonderful play, "The Pilgrims Came."** Next week we will make costumes and programs for all of you. We can't wait to perform it for you on **Monday, November 23 at 9 AM in the church basement**. We are also learning about the first Thanksgiving and people who lived long ago.

Math

This week we finished **Chapter 2: Understanding Addition and Subtraction**. They did pretty well on the test, but in general the concept of subtraction was a little weak for them. So we are going to spend next week reviewing how to do **subtraction** and working on some strategies before we start "**Strategies for Addition and Subtraction**": **Chapter 3**. Then we will pretest Chapter 3 and get started on that to get them to be more natural at adding and subtracting. After Christmas it will be time to start memorizing facts, so we have to get really good at this now!

Religion

This week we discussed **Chapter 6: The Good Samaritan**. We talked about loving others the way God loves them, and how this is what we mean by "We are One Body in Christ." We are all a part of God and we treat each other as such. We will finish that chapter next week and we will go to the **All-School Thanksgiving Mass**. **We would really love parents to come and sit with us**. Please know that any time we are at All-School masses, I would love to have parents sit with us to help the kids pay attention (although this class is really very good in church!)