



LAKE'S LINES



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Mrs. Lake's Classroom Newsletter

Fantastic First Graders

I am so looking forward to conferences next week. I really enjoy having the chance to sit down and talk to all of you about your fantastic first grader. If you didn't receive your conference time home, please let me know right away and I will tell you when you are scheduled. If you need to change it for any reason, please let me know and we can figure something out.

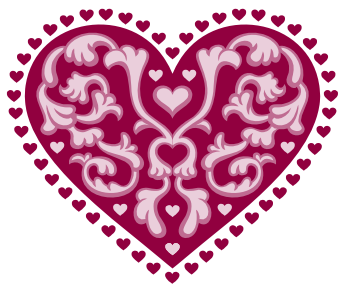
Have a wonderful weekend!

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We are One Body in
Christ!!!



Green Eggs and Ham

On Tuesday, March 2 we are planning to honor the birthday of Dr. Seuss in the first grade with a green eggs and ham breakfast. We will be preparing the breakfast beginning at 7:30 AM and we will be eating it from 8:15 or so to 9:00AM. We need helpers and pans! If you can come and bring a skillet or pan for eggs or ham, please let me know and we'll see you in the Ministry Center that morning! Also, if anyone is willing to donate a gift card to Meijer to help with supplies for this and other projects we have left this year, I would really appreciate it.

Religion

This week we read in our religion book about Catholic Social Teaching: Caring for God's creation and we reviewed what we have learned so far and read Chapter 10: The Church Celebrates All Year. Next week we have All School Mass on Ash Wednesday and we will be talking about the start of Lent. We will have the opportunity to celebrate reconciliation with Fr. Jim on Monday.

OUR 100TH DAY CELEBRATION IS NOW TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 DUE TO THE SNOW DAY! IF YOU WERE PLANNING ON HELPING US OUT WITH SOME TREATS, PLEASE SEND THEM IN ON TUESDAY! THANK YOU!!!

Reading/Writing

Our word wall words this week were: **girl, boy, same, or, friend**. Next week we will have: **end, had, night, our, where**. Next week we will start **pretesting for spelling**. We will do 10 word wall words twice a week for a spelling test and I will keep track of each word wall word each child cannot spell and when we start spelling words, these will be their first spelling words.

Our story this week was **"Best of Friends"** and we really enjoyed making our own book about our friends in our class. Next week we will read a Reader's Theater, **"Twinkle Twinkle Pretty Stars" and "Ways to make 100."** They will bring those home and I am sure the whole family will delight in performing that reader's theater!

Writing is going very well, and many of the kids are working on **publishing** books. We hope to get some of them into the publishing center. Now that they can write more I am teaching them about word choice and voice and other aspects of writing, called the **"Six Traits."**

Math

We are finishing up chapter 5 on **fractions**. It is some tricky stuff! We will finish that next week and test on **Wednesday**. They learned this week about how a fraction has to be **equal parts** and they learned **thirds and quarters and halves**. We also worked on **fractions of a set. Keep up the MMF practice—they are doing GREAT!**

Science and Social Studies

This week we talked about the **sun in relation to the weather**. We will finish that up next week in the science lab and with a powerpoint on the big screen. In Social Studies we started a **Calendar Book** that we are making. It is going to have every holiday of the year in order to help us understand how time passes and how the year goes. When it is finished, I will let everyone have a turn to bring it home to share with the family!

Upcoming Events

Lenten Reconciliation

Monday, February 15

100th Day of School!!!!

Tuesday, February 16

Conferences 5-8 PM

Tuesday, February 16

Mardi Gras Theme Day & Candy sale

Tuesday, February 16

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17

Mass at 12:30 PM

Half Day: 11 AM Dismissal

Thursday, February 18

Conferences 12-3 PM & 5-8PM

Thursday, February 18

No school

Friday, Feb. 19

No School

Monday, Feb. 22

Mary's Birthday!!!!

Wednesday, Feb. 24