



# LAKE'S LINES



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## Mrs. Lake's Classroom Newsletter

### Fantastic First Graders

Dear Almost 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Parents,

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

I have enjoyed so much the personalities and enthusiasm from this group of kids. They have excellent senses of humor and I enjoyed them very much. You are lucky, lucky families and God has blessed us all with these wonderful children!

Please call me for anything.  
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554-3339

### Religion

This week we read Chapter 16:  
We Live as a Family. We learned that each member of a family is a child of God and our families help us learn about God and are signs of Jesus' love for His followers. At Prayer Service we presented the mysteries of the rosary. Next week we are going to read Chapter 17: We Live as a Community. The focus of the chapter is that we are all God's family (ONE BODY IN CHRIST!) And of course we enjoyed the Spring Program this week where we learned how we treat each other when we are One Body in Christ.

### End of the Year Celebration

Last week you received a permission slip and then a note about lunch for our end of the year celebration on Wednesday, May 26. We are going to go to the airport with Mrs. Donohue's class and then enjoy a picnic together with families that can come at the airport observation area. Mr. Donohue is an air traffic controller, so we are getting the inside tour and information! You received a note asking your family to provide something for the lunch. When everyone brings their item, we will have stuff for sandwiches, chips, fruit, beverages and dessert. It will be wonderful to relax and enjoy each other. We will be traveling there after our tour by bus and will get there at 11:30. Please plan to meet us then with your picnic items. To get there, you go south on Patterson, turn left at 52<sup>nd</sup> and go to Kraft. Turn left on Kraft and Kraft ends at the observation area. There are picnic tables there. Come early if you are able to help set things up for us. Call me with any questions.

We are One  
Body in Christ!!

## 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, "Bear Shadow" together and talking about the story elements and reading other books by Frank Asch.

They are really enjoying learning the **six traits for effective writing**. We are going to work on **Word Choice** next week and we will practice picking "juicier" words for our writing to make it more exciting. Each trait has a song that goes with it, so you may have heard one or two of these 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 and practicing our Spelling words a LOT! Please practice at home too!

## Math

Please continue to practice MMF. 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 spent this week on **money**. We learned pennies, nickels and dimes, and counting them all together. Next week we will finish the chapter. They are doing very very well on this chapter!

## Science and Social Studies

We are still working on our study of **matter**. We enjoyed some time in the **Science Lab** on Monday studying which objects a **magnet will attract** and what objects it will not attract. Then we talked about some other **properties of solids**. Next week we will talk about **liquids and gases**.

In Social Studies we continued our **economics** study. This week we talked about **all kinds of jobs** and next week we will read the Stone Soup and talk about how **everyone contributes in a community**.

## Upcoming Events

### **Non-Uniform Day**

Monday, May 17

### **Field Day**

Monday, May 17

### **Airport Trip and Pot-Luck Lunch**

Wednesday, May 26

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Anointing Mass—8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day**

Friday, May 28, 9:55 AM

### **Memorial Day—No School**

Monday, May 31

### **11 AM Dismissal**

Friday, June 4

### **Last Day of School**

Tuesday, June 8

