



LAKE'S LINES



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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

Please call me for anything. My extension is 335. My email is hlake@stthomasgr.org and my home number (before 8 PM please) is 554-3339. 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. I will check messages at school as well. Have an EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER!!

We are ONE
Body in 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! 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.

Please indicate on the attached half sheet if you would like to have a **summer packets** for your first grader if you need something for your first grader to do on rainy days, or if you just want to keep them in the swing of things.

Religion

This week in religion we read about **Moses: A Scripture Story**. We learned that God takes care of us as he took care of Moses and His people and we learned that God guides us and gives us leaders, we just have to **trust Him and listen**.

Today we enjoyed celebrating a **special mass** with the 7th and 8th graders to anoint the new leaders of our school and have the last mass with 8th graders. Next week we will work in Chapter 19: **We Love God** and Chapter 20: **We Love Others**.

Reading/Writing

This week we read "Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp." We then created a story map to help with comprehension of the story. Next week we will read some short stories and do some activities.

For Working With Words, we have been practicing our spelling words each week. The kids write them and quiz each other. 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 brought 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.

This week we finished our Money chapter. This skill is largely developmental. They did pretty well learning this complicated concept. We also worked a little in Chapter 10 on measurement.

Science and Social Studies

Next week we will finish learning about the economy and goods and services for Social Studies. We are finishing up our National Geographic Explorer magazines this week and next. This has been such a wonderful resource for us this year. This issue is all about movement: animal movement, pedal power (bikes moving) and bones of animals.

Upcoming Events

No School—Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

11:00 Dismissal

Friday, June 4

Picnic at the Park for Mrs. Michels

Friday, June 4, 6 PM

Last Day of School

Tuesday, June 8

Thanks for braving the heat for a super fun picnic on Wednesday! It was so fun to celebrate with you all a happy and successful year!!! Lots of love and prayers for all your families this summer! Love, Holly

Have a FANTASTIC SUMMER!!

See you Tuesday, August 31!

I love summer letters! My address is:

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