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## First Grade News

### Fabulous First Graders

Mrs. Donohue's Class

May 14, 2010

Wow, it is May! I hope all the mothers had a nice Mother's Day. God has blessed me with a wonderful family and a wonderful job.

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed teaching first grade this year. The students are great and you are a wonderful group of parents!! Thank you for all you do! Blessings,  
Kelly



Families are invited to join us at the airport viewing area for our end of the year picnic.

## Airport Field Trip and Picnic

Wednesday, May 26th we will be going to the airport to take a tour of the control tower, AeroMed, and the fire department. We are only allowed to take 3 chaperones per classroom on the tour. If I get more than three, I will first choose parents who have never come with us before. If there are more than three of those then I will draw names from a hat. Everyone is invited to join us at the airport viewing area for lunch. You should have received a note asking you to bring something for the picnic. To get to the viewing area you go south on Patterson, take a left onto 52nd then take a left onto Kraft. It is at the end of Kraft. Please bring a blanket to sit on. If it should rain then we will come back to school and have the picnic in the Ministry Center. Let's pray for good weather!

## Religion

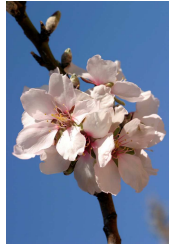
Next week we will discuss how families are signs of God's love. We will explore how families are special and discuss what families teach us about God.



## Math

We have begun our unit on money. This can be a challenging unit for a lot of students. If you can reinforce the concept of counting money at home that would be great! You could have your child count the change you get back from the store. Maybe they could count what they have saved in their piggy bank.

## Reading/Writing



This week we read **Jenny's Journey** in our reading books. It is a very 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! We still continue to work on reading fluently and with expression. All the students have really grown as readers. It is so fun to see! I get so excited.

I have pulled some different books for Guided Reading for next week and the week after. Next week we will be reading, **Bear Shadow** together and talking about the different story elements.

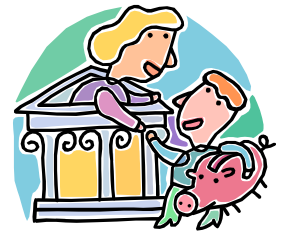
For **Working With Words** we have been practicing putting endings onto words. We will be playing some sight word bingo and the Mystery Word game.

Continue to have your child study their spelling words. They are doing a great job!

## Science and Social Studies

In Science we continue to discuss Matter. We are exploring the properties of Matter. We also are looking at the differences between a solid, liquid and gas.

For Social Studies we have been getting into some first grade economics. We discussed needs and wants, community goods and services and buying, trading and saving. Next week we will talk about different types of jobs and explain why people have jobs.



## Important Dates to Remember



- Mon. May 17- Field Day 8:30-11:30  
Non-uniform Day
- Wed. May 19- Book Orders Due
- Mon. May 24- Non-uniform Day  
Field Day Rain Date
- Wed. May 26- Airport field trip/picnic
- Mon. May 31- No School/Memorial Day
- Fri. June 4- All school Mass 9:55 am

**FYI:** The homework that is due next week will be the last homework for the year.

**WE ARE ONE  
BODY IN CHRIST**