

First Grade Newsletter
“God Centered Education For Life”
February 2012

During the month of February, we will have **“Students of the Week.”** I will send a poster home with your child to fill out, which gives us information about your child. We will hang this in our classroom for the week. Thanks for your help!

In math, we will continue to work with addition and subtraction strategies. We will also start a unit on time, and a unit on money.

We will work on our Map Skills books.

We will study the Bible stories of the Israelites, Joseph, and Moses.

Please continue to review the **“Words to Know”** with your child. This is a big help to your child in reading class. Thanks!

The school theme for February is **“Goodness”** The song is “He Who Began a Good Work in You.” We will learn the verse and song during the month of February. The first grade class will be giving the monthly chapel. **It will be on February 29 at 8:30.**

Upcoming Information: On March 1, Miss Joya Nyhof, a Dordt student, will be joining our classroom. She is from Canada, and Joya will be practice teaching in first grade for 6 weeks. Be sure to welcome her when you see her. The students will probably talk about a new teacher at home. **Thanks!**

January 30-February 3:

Memory Verse: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5

Students of the week: Carlie, Joshua, Charlie, Gracie

Story: "Stormy Weather"

Words to Know: warm, sound, their, extreme, predict, cold, know, great, rain, play.

Abi's half birthday is February 5. We will celebrate Abi's birthday on Friday, February 3. **Remember to say "Happy Half-Birthday" to Abi!**

February 6-10:

Memory Verse: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

Students of the Week: Ashley, Shane, Maci, Mateo, Colton

Story: "Meet Ben Franklin"

Words to Know: curious, idea, friends, kind, by, far, knew, house, be, deep.

February 7-14 will be the all-school reading week. The theme is "Pounce on a Good Book."

February 13-17:

Memory Verse: Review Psalm 23:1-6.

Students of the Week: Karyss, Abi, Gavin, David

Story: "Little Rabbit"

Words To Know: before, happen, began, told, heard, glared, haste, falls, hungry, silly.

Tuesday, February 14: We will have a Valentine exchange today. It is optional to bring a valentine.

Wednesday, February 15: We will have the dental assistant from Dr. Borer's office speak to the students K-1 about dental care.

February 15 and 16: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 17: No School

February 21-24:

Memory Verse: And do not forget to do good and to share with others, just as in Christ God forgave you. Hebrews 13:16

Story: "Olivia"

Words To Know: always, mother, father, try, firm, supposed, love, Joan, both.

Thursday, February 23: At 2:00, Author, Jeanette Hopkins, from Sioux City, Iowa will come and talk to K-1 about her books and about writing books.

February 27-March 2:

Memory Verse: Commandments 1-4: 1. Do not worship other gods. 2. Do not make idols to worship. 3. Do not take God's name in vain. 4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.

Theme: Watch It Go

Story: "The Kite"

Word To Know: shout, ball, laughter, head, perhaps, should, meadow, never, try, fly.

Wednesday, February 29 at 8:30: The first grade will give the chapel on the Fruit of the Spirit: **Goodness.**

Remember our spelling tests are always on **Friday.** Please review these words with your child. The words are getting more difficult. Thanks for your help!

In His Service,
Mrs. Hofman