

First Grade Newsletter

January 2012

“God Centered Education For Life”

First Grade Parents,

During the first week of January, the first graders may bring something or tell something about their “Christmas” fun. Show and tell for the rest of January will be to tell about your talent, or show us what your talent is. The schedule for the talent ‘show and tell’ will be on the calendar.

The school theme and verse for January is “Kindness.” The song is “Kindness.” The verse is Ephesians 4:32.

In math, we will continue with learning addition and subtraction strategies. We will also work on a money unit. We will continue with addition and subtraction drills at school. Any review at home would be a great idea!

In Bible, we will continue with the story of Jacob, Joseph, the Israelites in Egypt, Moses, and God’s deliverance of the Israelites.

We will also start Weekly Reader Map Skills. We will continue working on a Science unit called ‘Pebbles, Sand, and Silt.’

Please remember to review the ‘Words to Know’ that go with our reading stories. It is a great help to your child as we work with the reading stories every week.

The spelling word will continue to be sent home on **Monday**. Watch for the words. The tests will continue to be on **Friday**, as they were in the past.

On Thursday, January 19, the first grade class will have an “Animal Sleep Over” at school. Have your child bring a stuffed animal to school on Thursday, January 19. We will put the animals to bed in our classroom before the students go home for the day on Thursday. **Please have your child bring a favorite book, and their stuffed animal.** On Friday, we will write about what our animals did while we were gone. We hope to make a class book with our stories. **We will also have a Pajama Day on Friday, January 20.**

I am looking for “Readers” for our classroom during the month of January. The reader may be a parent, a grandparent, or a special family friend. You may read your favorite story, or your child’s favorite story, or I can provide a book for you to read to our class for story time. Please contact me, or send a note with your child if you are interested in reading to the first grade class. Please indicate when you are available to read. I will send a note back to you when, and if, it works for the first grade class. Our usual story time is from 12:45-1:00. But it worked out well last year to come right before lunch to read, and then you could stay and eat lunch with your child or grandchild. Let me know. Thanks!

January 3-6: Theme: Our Families **Story:** “Smile, Mike”

Words to Know: how, there, so, more, funny, call, time, fine.

Memory Work: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Christmas Show and Tell will be this week. Bring your show and tell any day.

Remember our spelling test will be on Friday.

Joshua’s birthday is July 7, so we will celebrate Joshua’s half birthday on Friday, January 6. Remember to say “Happy Birthday” to Joshua on Friday!

January 9-13: Theme: Family Time **Story:** “Gram and Me”

Words to Know: give, were, say, about, read, says, spring, stretches.

Memory Verse: Psalm 23: 1&2 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

Talent Show and Tell: M: Karyss T: Charlie W: Shane Th: David F: Abi

Friday, January 13, is the end of the second nine weeks!

January 16-20: Theme: Birds **Story:** “Pelican Was Hungry”

Words to Know: sparkled, saw, opened, soon, every, any, floating, close, home.

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:3 He restores my soul, He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Tell what you know about Martin Luther King Jr.

Talent Show and Tell: M: Mateo T: Maci W: Ashley Th: Colton F: Joshua

Thursday, January 19: Remember to take along your stuffed animal to school for an animal sleep over.

Friday, January 20: It is Pajama Day in first grade. Remember to come dressed in your pajamas to school. Make sure you are able to go outdoors today!

Friday, January 20, we will have a 12:00 dismissal. The Teachers have meetings at Dordt College.

Report cards will be sent home this week.

January 23-27: Theme: Recycling **Story:** “June Robot Cleans Up”

Words To Know: work, after, old, find, new, creation, done, terrific, used, Luke.

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Talent Show and Tell: M: Gracie T: Gavin W: Carlie

Karyss’s and Gavin’s birthdays are on July 29. So we will celebrate their birthdays on Friday, January 27. Remember to wish Karyss and Gavin “Happy Birthday” on Friday!

Thanks for all your help in making a successful year for your child!

In His Service,

Mrs. Hofman

