

First Grade Newsletter
October Calendar
2011
“God Centered Education For Life”

The theme for show and tell for October is “signs of fall.” Your child may bring or tell something about the fall season. Your child may bring or tell something about this theme any time during the month of October.

The school theme for October is “**Joy**.” The text is Psalm 95:1, and the song is “Joy.” The verse will be assigned as their weekly memory verse. We recite the memory verses on Friday. We will learn the song during the devotion time.

I would like to remind you to listen to your child read the “take-home books” that are sent home. Your child should be able to read the books fluently by himself/herself. These are also the words that are used in our story for the week. The take-home books are a great review for your child. Also a reminder that a partial list of the spelling words are in the “Home-School Connection” paper that is sent home on Mondays. The complete spelling list comes home on the construction paper lists. Please have your child practice the spelling words with you. Thanks!

We will continue with the Bible stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

In math, we will cover addition strategies, subtraction strategies, and working with subtraction and addition facts. Any review of addition and/or subtraction facts at home would be great!

In Science, we will continue our unit on “Air and Weather.”

The first grade class will be going to Pumpkinland on Thursday, October 13. We will leave school at about 12:45. We should be back by 3:00. This outing is in connection with the season of fall.

We will also begin the “Reading Rodeo” program offered by the Sheldon Pizza Ranch. This reading incentive will run for 5 months from October through February. **The goal is for every first grader to read or ‘be read to’ for at least 50 minutes every week.** You will be asked to keep track of your minutes on the form attached. If your child reaches the goal for the month, then he/she will be rewarded a free ‘kids buffet/mini pizza coupon from the Pizza Ranch. If the entire class reads for 50 minutes for at least 4 of the 5 months, our class will receive a pizza party from the Pizza Ranch. Have fun reading!

The art projects this year will not be sent home until the end of the year. In May an art project from each child will be featured at the Prairie Arts Center. I keep all the projects until May, and then we make an art folder to put all their projects in.

Our library time has changed to Wednesday at 11:00. Remember library on Wednesday. Thanks!

I have posted pictures on the first grade web site. Go to the Staff Info, and then to my name. That will open the first grade web page. The calendars for the month are also on this page. There are a few web sites to go to for practice in reading and math.

October 3-5: No Memory Verse this week!

No Spelling Test this week, but we will work with the spelling words during the first three days.

Story: "Pet Tricks"

Words to Know: come, that, on, good, grab

Charlie's birthday is Saturday, October 8. We will celebrate Charlie's birthday on Wednesday, October 5. **Remember to wish Charlie a "Happy Birthday" on Wednesday!**

October 6 and 7: Heartland Teacher's Convention at Dordt College No School on Thursday and Friday, October 6 & 7.

October 10-14: Memory Verse: Psalm 100:3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Monday: Be able to tell something about Christopher Columbus today.

Story: "Soccer"

Words to Know: help, now, use, very, hands

Thursday, October 13: We will leave for Pumpkin Land at 12:45 today!

October 17-21: Memory Verse: Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Story: "Animal Moms and Dads"

Words to Know: one, her, two, they, does, frog, hop, rock

October 24-28: Memory Verse: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

Story: "Little Red Hen"

Words to Know: who, no, some, of, eat, mess, get

Story: "A Prairie Dog Home"

Words to Know: into, many, live, out, this, dash

Thursday, October 27, we will be going to the children's play at Northwestern College in Orange City. The play is called "**A Midsummer Night's Dream.**" It is a children's version. We will leave for the play at 12:15, and be back by the end of the day.

End of the first quarter!

Thanks for your help this month!

In His Service,

Alvina Hofman