

First Grade Newsletter

“God Centered Education For Life”

September, 2011

First Grade Parents,

Show and Tell: “Summer Fun” will be the theme for the month of September. Your child may bring their show and tell on any day that works for them during the rest of August and September. We will take time for your child’s show and tell on the day they bring it to school. Thanks for your help!

The school theme for this year is **“The Fruit of the Spirit.”** The theme songs for the school year are “The Fruit of the Spirit” by Steve Green, and “The Fruit of the Spirit” by Dave and Jodi Van Kley. The theme for the month of September is “love.” The memory verse is 1 John 4:7-8. The song for September is “Beloved.” We will be learning the verse in our Bible memory work schedule. We will be learning the song at school.

We will be making a class book in September. I have attached a sheet with the newsletter. Please help your child fill this out. Please attach a picture to the top. These papers will be put in their portfolios, so the photo will **not** be returned. Please return the filled in paper as soon as possible. When all of the papers are in, I will make it into a book. Then the children may take turns taking our “Room Book” home to read. **Have fun reading!**

I have attached **“Words To Know”** that go with the reading stories and the smart start lessons. We will be working with these words during each week. These words are found in the weekly reading stories. It would greatly benefit your child to review these words at home also. Thanks for your help!

We will be having an **“Author of the Month”** during the school year. The author for September is Dr. Seuss. We will be reading Dr. Seuss books, and doing a few projects connected with Dr. Seuss.

We will start a science unit on weather during the month of September. I have attached a sheet about our **“Air and Weather”** unit.

In math, we will start with simple addition, some subtraction, and then work into addition strategies.

Our reading series is called **Treasures** by Macmillan/McGraw-Hill. It should be a great year in reading! I am very excited about the activities, and methods used in this series. We have three weeks called a “Smart Start.” We will have small reading stories, and also “Words to Know.” It does have a phonics program and spelling program within the reading curriculum. We will be using the spelling and phonics program with this series. The spelling words will not start until we finish the “Smart Start” book. The notes sent home will include spelling words. Your child will need to know how to write these words. The “Word to Know” will be the words that your child should be able to recognize and read. Thanks for your help!

Bible stories will start with creation, and continue through the Old Testament Bible stories. The memory verse is included in the weekly schedule. The weekly verse will be recited on Friday. We do go over it at school each day, but a little help at home would be great!

Music class is every Wednesday and Thursday from 12:50-1:15.

I will be teaching the PE classes this year. Our scheduled time for the gym will be **Mondays at 1:50-2:35**, and on **Fridays at 2:35-3:15**. We will also be going outside this fall, as the weather permits. Please have your child wear tennis shoes on PE days.

The first grade class will be going to the **Library every Thursday from 12:50-1:20**. Please have your child’s library books in their book bag every Thursday, so they are able to take two more books out of the school library. Thanks!

August 23-26: Memory Verse: I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

Story: “We Can”

Word to Know: I, can, we, like, see, the, go, to, have, a.

August 29-September 2: Memory Verse: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 God saw all that he had made and it was very good. Genesis 1:31a

Story: “We Have”

Words to Know: play, you, he, is, she, and, said, are, do, this.

September 6-9: Memory Verse: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.
Genesis 8:22

Story: "Here We Are"

Words to Know: what, for, here, little, was, my, look, has, where, with, me.

September 12-16: Memory Verse: Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Story: "Can Pat Jump?"

Words to Know: jump, up, down, not

The annual "Fall Harvest Festival" is held in Sioux Center on Friday, September 16. The first grade class will be attending this event. We will leave at 9:00, and return by lunch which is 11:30. I attached a permission slip with this calendar.

September 19-23: Memory Verse: Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God because God is love.
1 John 4:8

Story: "Yes, I Can"

Words to Know: over, it, yes, too

Friday, September 23: Dordt Workshop for the teachers. We will have an early dismissal at 12:00. There will not be hot lunch today.

September 26-30: Memory Verse: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:
1&2

Story: "I Am a Big Kid"

Words to Know: run, ride, be

School pictures are on September 28.

Please review the "Words to Know" with your child. They should be able to read each word. Thanks for your help!

This newsletter is also on my website in the School's web page. I will also be posting pictures of the students through out the school year.

In His Service,

Mrs. Hofman