



First Grade News

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What's Happening?

Religion: We have been learning about the parts of the mass. We are particularly interested in the Eucharist because in only one year, we will be receiving our First Communion. Ask me what becomes the body and blood of Jesus (bread and wine).

Reading: We read the story, "The Mystery Monster". Lily was puzzled by the mystery of the disappearing mystery books in the library. Ask me who was the Mystery Monster (the librarian). He was creating a mystery corner in the library. We had our own 1st grade mystery! Ask me who was the Mystery Monster (us) and who did we fool (Mrs. Julius' class). It was a fun way to use both long and short oo words and rhyming to create great clues. Ask me to tell you about it!

Math: We have been building our addition and subtraction skills. Counting forward or back using a number line has been helpful while we now are using numbers over 10. Subtraction still seems to be trickier than addition so we're giving this a little more attention. Ask me to practice my +/- facts using dice, flashcards or playing cards.

Spelling: Let's look for the BIG Spelling list included in this week's Friday Folder. Even though we have one more test of new words for next week, it's time for us to start studying for the test in the first week of June. Ask me what idea my teacher gave to help me study. (Go over the list and cross off the words I know for sure so I can focus on the words I'm less sure of.) We also talked about how important it is to study a little bit every night. Sounds like a plan!



Science & Social Studies Units:

We continue to learn about pond life. We talked about how cranes like to live near ponds. They survive living off things that live in and near ponds. Ask me to tell you about two ways God created them to live successfully by ponds (long legs and a strong beak). We used our pond animal research to create our own pond habitat. Ask me who was in charge of this project (Us!). We included creatures that live in, above or near the pond.



Spelling:

1. place 11 face
2. nice 12. ice
3. cage
4. noise
5. glove
6. house
7. tease
8. mouse
9. love
10. please

Snack Schedule:

Monday: Danny
Tuesday: Ryan
Wednesday: Braysen
Thursday: Claire
Friday: Thomas

A Few Reminders and Requests...

- 5/19: Donuts for Dad @ 7:00 - 7:40 a.m.
- 5/25: Spring Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
- 5/26: Circus World Museum
- 5/27: Summer Library Presentation
- 5/28: Cup Stacking @ 10/ Early Dismissal @ 12:30
- 5/31: Memorial Day/No School
- 6/1-4: Assessment Week

On behalf of the 2nd graders, thank you for the wonderful reception!

Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Kathleen

