

First Grade Monday Letter

April 19th – 23rd

Dear Parents,

SAT testing started today, Monday (4/19) and will continue through Thursday (4/22). This is our big standardized test for the year. Attendance is important! Please make every effort to be at school. Also, make sure that the students get a good night's rest each night of testing. Make sure students eat a good breakfast before they come each morning. It is very important to be on time as well! We will not be having homework, Spelling words, Phonics rules, Math or Phonics tests this week because of the testing.

We are in the final stages of our program practice and are getting ready for the parents' reception after the Thursday morning performance. Instead of putting out food sign-ups, we are asking each child to send in \$5.00 in the envelope attached to this letter.

The sign-up for the Variety Show auction basket is on the door. You may bring the items in as soon as you get them and we will store them for you!

We have been enjoying our trip around the world! This week we will be in Italy. If you have any food, clothing, or artifacts that are from there, they would be greatly appreciated.

Heads-up for the next few weeks!

In God's Garden Program will be Thursday (4/29) and Friday (4/30) at 9:00a.m. Thursday's program is planned for the parents with a reception to follow.

Looking Ahead: Save the date!!!!WE NEED MOMS!! On Thursday, May 6th from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Chapel and Room I, we will be having a Mother's Day Celebration. Each child is requesting to have his/her Mother (you) or someone to attend in your place, if you are not able to join us. We will also need some dads to help with serving that morning. More information to follow.

Have a great week!

Key Concepts for the Week

***Phonics: Phonics rules for Friday, May 7th: Chart 15a.

imb in climb, -es in peaches, c in city, au in faucet, aw in saw, ea in leaf, ea in thread, ea in steak, ie in brownie

*Prefixes and Homonyms (Words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings)

We will be adding Antonyms (opposites)

Review of the different rules when adding a suffix to a word.

Math:

- Measurement using inches
- Working with 2 digit addition and subtraction no carrying.
- Reviewing place value
- Counting mixed coins
- Counting by 2's, 5's, 10's and 25's
- Learning time to 15 and 45 passed the hour
- Addition and Subtraction drills

Spelling: No Spelling

Language: Writing sentences using a phrase. Writing short stories

Science: Insects

History: Italy

Bible: The life of David Character Trait: Thoroughness

Bible verse: Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Music: Instrument building assignment and instructions...DUE May 5th.

PE: Presidential Fitness Challenge

Spanish: None this week due to testing

Computer: MS Word writing assignment

Homework Schedule

Study Daily: Bible verse

Monday: NO Reading and Phonics worksheet

Tuesday: NO Reading and Math worksheet

Wednesday: NO Reading

Thursday: NO Reading