

# First Grade News

## Religion

During Religion class we learned that the Bible is called The Sacred Scripture and has two parts: The Old Testament and The New Testament.

We are listening to stories from the Bible and discussing how God is speaking to us. We are praying formal prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be, and The Prayer to My Guardian Angel. Since God created the world we are identifying ways to show that we love and care for all of God's creation. We will visit the St. Vincent De Paul Society in September and donate cans of food to show we care for others in need.

## Language Arts

In Language Arts we are reading stories that are fiction. The theme is friendship, friends, and how they work together to solve a problem. We are also reading leveled books and choosing "just right books" to read. We are learning to decode words that contain short vowels and learning to recognize high-frequency words. We are writing in our journals everyday using inventive spelling and pictures.

## Math

We are exploring addition . We have learned the terms ( sum, equals, how many in all) and what the "+" sign



means. At this time we are using manipulatives to solve basic facts up to ten. Students are also using addition to solve story problems and have learned



how to write an addition sentence. In the Simple Solutions workbook we will be counting, identifying repeating patterns, writing numbers, and identifying money.

## Social Studies

Rules will be the theme for September. We will be discussing rules and why we need rules. Students will identify the different types of rules we need for home, classroom, playground, and cafeteria. We will also learn about Johnny Appleseed and many other interesting topics throughout the year.

## Science

In Science the first grade students have been learning about the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Mrs. Albert was our guest speaker. She showed the students each stage from egg to butterfly. We have been observing the caterpillars in the classroom and even saw a butterfly come out of its chrysalis. Once the butterflies were strong enough we released them at the park. In our Science books we will begin learning about living and non-living things.

## Health

We are discussing “Bus Safety”. Students will learn about the “danger zone”, bus conduct, and safety through the use of books, posters, and a bus safety video.

## Art

We will be exploring different types of art and materials through the art program “Arts Attack

