

First Grade News

January 12, 2009

Religion: Our Bible stories this week are about Jesus' first visit to the temple when he was twelve years old. Then we hear about his baptism by John the Baptist. Memory verses:

"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

"I have called you by your name, you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Spelling: The core words we are studying this week are: of, a, to. We will be fixing sentences, sorting words into groups, and learning how to make better more interesting sentences.

English: This week we begin our study of verbs. During one of our lessons, we will be pantomiming some action verbs.

Reading: This week's story is called "Snakes". New sight words for study are: where, know, why, under. We will be making a chart to learn the things about snakes that are the same and different. We will also be learning to use information from an illustration.

Math: Lessons this week are about paying for items using my pretend money, dividing a square into halves, and subtracting two from a number.

Science: There will be a test over our unit on earth's air and water this week.

FYI: There will be another open house on January 19th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Please tell anyone that you think might be

interested in sending their children to St. John's. We appreciate your help! There is no school scheduled for that day.

A new book order came home this past week. If you are wanting to order books, the form and money need to be turned in by Tuesday, January 13th.

If your child wants to participate in the Accelerated Reading Program, the list of tests that we have is found on the St. John's web site. The children can read books found in our library, your own personal library, or the public library. They may take the tests during their computer time. Each book read and tested is worth a certain amount of points. Prizes will be given when five and ten points is reached. The children reaching ten points and at least 75 % of those test questions correct will be able to attend a swim party at the end of the year. Remember this is your decision if you want your child to participate. Next year accelerated reader will be mandatory to all students in grades two through eight.