

# First Grade News

October 27, 2008

Religion: Our Bible stories for this week are about the fall of Jericho and the stories of Hannah and Ruth. In each of them, God shows us how He takes care of His people. Memory verse:

"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 1:57

Spelling: We will be learning the short sound for the letter e this week. Have the children think of an elephant when trying to remember the sound for short e. We will be concentrating on these words: pet, shed, hen, wet, red, then.

English: Our lessons this week will deal again with nouns and plural nouns.

Reading: This week's story is called "Splash". New sight words for this week are: away, good, into, put. We will also be working on finding the main idea in a story and using context clues.

Math: Our lessons this week are on adding one to a number, sorting and graphing using pattern blocks,

weighing objects using nonstandard units, and finding a sum by counting on. We often use this strategy when we are not sure of an answer in addition. I usually tell the children to put the larger number in their heads and count on from there.

Science: This week we will talk about the use of wheels to move objects. We will hopefully have a short test over our unit early next week.

FYI: The end of the first quarter is this coming Friday. Parent conferences are to be scheduled for November 3 and 4. Please let me know what time on either day works best for you to come and talk to me about your child's progress.

Our fall party is this Friday morning. Thanks in advance to the parents who are in charge of the party!

Don't forget! The children are singing in the 10:30 service here at St. Johns on November 9. They are to sit with you in church and will come to the front when it is time to sing. Please have them meet me in church by 10:15 so we can go over the song together.

My thanks to the parents who drove for our trip to Tanglewood. We had a great time. Boy, those pumpkins were huge! I hope yours made it home in one piece.