

Mr. Yarnall's 2nd Grade Newsletter - Sept. 24-27th

We will be celebrating Johnny Appleseed's birthday this week. We are going to be working with measurement using apples, before making apple butter on Wednesday and Thursday as a class project. I ask that each student bring in one apple. We will be comparing size, weight, and seed counts as part of our lessons this week. A wide variety of sizes and colors will work best for us! Please note that we have early dismissal on Thursday and no school on Friday. The parade is on Saturday morning for any students that want to join the fun. The required release went home in the office folders this past week. We also will be completing the required diocesan Safe Environment training in the classroom.

Weekly Events and Specials:

Monday: Music

Tuesday: Mass with grades 2-6, Art

Wednesday: Library and Technology

Thursday: Physical Education and **early dismissal for students at 12:45**

Friday: **No School for students**

HOMEWORK - Please note that I have added a Math lesson review for Tuesday. While homework does not have a traditional grade, it is expected to be completed to reinforce lessons and encourage responsibility. We have started a "Homework Club" to track our success. On Monday students will return their reading log for the previous week. Homework is collected T-F and if it has all been completed, there will be a special treat for the members in the "Club"

Monday:

Language Arts	Math	Reading
Write Unit 1 Weeks 1 and 2 memory words 2 times each	Bring in an apple to school	Reading log entry

Tuesday:

Language Arts	Math	Reading
Write Unit 1 Weeks 3 and 4 memory words 2 times each	Measuring weight in ounces and Units of length (inches and feet IN WEEKLY PACKET)	Reading log entry

Wednesday:

Language Arts	Math	Reading
Have a family member give you a practice spelling test		Reading log entry and return your weekly reading log (Weekly goal is for a total of 80 minutes at this point in the year.) Return the log on Monday

Thursday and Friday: Enjoy your weekend and play outside!

Peek into the classroom

Math: With the shortened week, we are going to discuss various measurements in our math lessons this week as we prepare for our apple butter project.

Religion: We are going to begin our preparation for our first Holy Sacrament of the year - First Reconciliation. We will be using the Blessed program over the next 6 weeks to learn all about this special day.

Language Arts: We will be working on parts of speech (noun, verb, adjectives, and adverbs) and using them to create a poem about school. Review and practice plurals and contractions. We will be mailing our first round of pen pal letters to another 2nd grade class in my hometown of Lafayette. We will be sharing our experiences with students at my old elementary school, St Marys Cathedral School.

Science: We are going to continue with our study of water and its various forms. The weather did not cooperate with us last week, so hopefully we can observe evaporation outside this week.

Spelling: We are not going to have a traditional spelling test this week, but we will have a review test. The test will cover all of the **memory** words from Unit 1. We will be working on practicing the words at school during our daily lessons, but I ask that you encourage the students to practice them at home as well. I have put a full list of the words into the weekly packet.

As we move forward, I have also added a "bonus" word each week that will come from our Science, Social Studies, or Religion vocabulary words each week. This will not count against, but will provide them with a new challenge each week. There were 10 students that received the bonus point for correctly spelling "saint" last week.