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1st Grade News

Science



The first graders have written about their summer vacation. They have enjoyed going to Disneyland, the beach and Wet 'n Wild. They have also enjoyed deciding on rules for our classroom. I am really trying to let them be a part of the decision making with classroom management. I feel this will allow them to be more responsible and take more credit for following the rules. Also they seem to not want to break the rules since they had an input on them!

We are doing a unit "all about me." They have written about their age, their favorite color and their name. We have decorated our paper dolls and have included our essays along with them. They are hanging on our bulletin board. Come check them out.

Reading



Every morning, Mrs. Rock teaches the children spalding. I too am learning all about this program and we are having so much fun. She goes over the letters and the sounds they make and the children repeat it back to her. She also teaches them how to write the letters correctly. Please contact her with any questions or comments. She is doing an amazing job and the children love her.

We read on a daily basis. Please try and read with your child every day at home. This is such a great time to relax and bond with your child too.

We are off to a great start. Please contact myself or Mrs. Rock with any questions or concerns.

Math



The first graders have really enjoyed learning how to use a number line. We have used it all the way up to 30!! I am now explaining to them that the number line can go on and on. They are going to try and make one up to 100.

Our patterns are getting more and more intense. We are using all kinds of shapes and size and colors. It is been fun and busy for them. We are now working the symbols for greater than, less than and equal.

General



Please check out our bulletin board outside our classroom. We learned all about the cross and we each made our own stained glass window with the cross in the middle. The children enjoyed making them so much. We continue to work on the proper way to do the cross. Please practice this at home. We say the Lord's prayer every morning along with the pledge of alligiance.

We are learning many Greek words. The colors seem to be the favorite so far. We are learning how to count to 10 in Greek and how to say Good Morning.

Chapel next week will be on Friday. Please dress accordingly. We are working on the proper behaviors for chapel. We do not talk in chapel. We show respect to each other and especially Fr. Jim. I tell the children when to do their cross and when it is ok to sit.