



1st Grade: Mrs. Koenig

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The children are adjusting a little more to the first grade routines every day. We've even been complimented on how quickly we've been working. We are still really working hard on knowing when to talk and when to listen and work quietly.

Religion

Zacchaeus was lost from God, but Jesus found him. Jesus forgave his sins and Zacchaeus became a changed person. Jesus forgives us and helps us to find our way back to God also.

Memory Work

The children did very well on their memory work this week! Next week's assignment is Hebrews 13:6.

Math

This week we worked on forming the numerals 2, 3, and 7 correctly. A circle is round and has no sides or corners. A square has four angles and four sides that are all the same size. We made a pictograph showing our favorite spots and discovered all of the information that we could obtain by looking at a graph. The words **most** and **fewest** were used to describe the information on the graph. We are also working to distinguish right and left.

Spelling

We had our first spelling pretest today. Check your child's yellow folder for directions on how to help your child choose any "bonus" words this weekend. The **spelling test ofr Unit 1 will be on Thursday, September 3rd.**

Grammar

Sentences begin with a capital letter, end with an ending make, and must make sense.

Reading

The children were excited to begin their first of six reading books. We read and discussed the first story, "What is a Pal?" and three poems on friendship. Our first story was a nonfiction story which is called **informational text**.

Informational text has a topic, main idea, and details. At the end of each lesson we will have a test covering the sight words from the lesson, the phonetic skills introduced, and the content of the stories for the week. You can help your child study by reviewing the sight words and reading over the selections for the week. I will always tell you when a test is scheduled. We completed our first reading test today. Since this was our first reading test, we completed most of it together. I will send home the graded test early next week. In Lesson 2 we will be reviewing the short sound of /i/ as in inch. The **test for Lesson 2 will be on Wednesday, September 9th.**

Spanish

We can now identify where we live - **una casa** - house; **un apartamento** - apartment building; **el campo** - country; **un pueblo** - town; **una ciudad** - big city.



Social Studies

In the first unit we are taking a look at communities. Rules keep us safe and help us to get along with others. The Golden Rule tells us how to treat others.

Science

A meteorologist predicts the weather. He or she uses various tools to help them. A **thermometer** tells us the **temperature** - how hot or cold it is.

Grades

The children do receive letter grades for their work in most subjects beginning in first grade. I want the children to gain confidence in themselves and therefore do not believe in putting D's or F's on papers. If your child did not do well on a paper, I will put a percentage at the top rather than a letter grade. In many instances I will go over the paper with your child. Please be sure to look at your child's papers each week and help him/her to understand the errors.

Caterpillars! I planted some butterfly bushes last spring in the hopes the I would attract some monarch butterflies. I was surprised to find four caterpillars on one of the bushes Wednesday evening! They are now munching away in our classroom. I'm hoping that we'll be able to see them transform into beautiful butterflies!

Have a great weekend! Remember to worship our merciful God!