November 3, 2014

Dear First Grade Parents,

The first half of the school year is almost over. I cannot believe how fast it has gone by. The weather in the morning is very chilly, and especially since the playground is on a hill, it can get rather windy. Please make sure that your student has a nice warm coat. Mittens and a hat are always a good idea.

In Bible class this week, we will continue the story of Josiah. We will find out that once the Word of the Lord was found, Josiah had it read to all the people. The people decided to follow the One, True God and tear down their false idols. We will also talk about how the Bible was composed and how it is God-breathed. Our new memory verse is Psalm 100.

***Psalm 100 (NIV)***

***A psalm. For giving grateful praise.***

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

We will be learning some new concepts in math class. We will introduce the hundreds’ place, before and after numbers by 2s, AM and PM. We will also learn our first fraction, one-half. We will learn to divide things and groups in half. Please continue to practice math facts with your student. We are through the eight addition family. Our next math test will be on Friday.

Our science lessons will continue to cover movement. We will learn that vibration is moving back and forth really fast. We will learn that magnets have a north and south pole and they are attracted to metal objects. We will discuss how magnets are used in our everyday lives. We will also be preforming an experiment to observe the movement of these substances: oil, molasses, and syrup.

The goal of phonics is for your student to gain tools to become a better reader. Our lessons will introduce these special sounds: all in ball, alk in walk, ing in pointing, kn in knot, and gn in gnat. We will also talk about syllables, suffixes, and root words.

Our spelling words for this week are: read, good, any, or, have, did, too, and Tuesday. The test over these words will be on Friday.

Love,

Jan and Rachel