November 17, 2014

Dear First Grade Parents,

Thanksgiving is almost here. What an exciting time to remember all the good things the Lord has done for us this year. As our memory verse says “give thanks to Him and praise His name”. On Friday, we will have our verse test over Psalm 100:1-3. On Tuesday of next week, we will test over verses 4-5. Please be practicing Psalm 100 at home with your students.

In Bible lessons this week we will start learning about the life of Jesus. We will discuss how an angel appear to Mary, Joseph, and Zacharias. We will see that God’s plans are always the best, even when they do not make sense to us.

We will learn about the thermometer, telling time to the half-hour, and counting by 25s in math class this week. We will also be reviewing our story problems, and money. If you have any extra change, feel free to have your student count it. They can combine nickels, dimes, and pennies. Please continue to practice their math facts. We are through the eight subtraction family. Our next math test will be on Friday.

We are excited about starting a new unit in science. This unit is over simple machines. We will discuss the definitions of energy and work, and find out that machines make work easier. We will also learn about the wheel and axle.

Phonics lessons will cover the onk in honk, unk in trunk, wa in wash, a in adopt, y in baby, le in little. We will also be reviewing root words and suffixes. Our next phonics test will be on Thursday.

Our new spelling words for this week are, put, it, be, where, get, at, friend, and Thursday.

On Wednesday of this week is our annual Thanksgiving Feast. The students will load buses and head over to Calvary Church for a wonderful meal. Thank you so much to all the parents that have donated food and time. It is a wonderful event and we would not be able to do it without you.

Love,

Jan and Rachel