

January 30, 2012

Dear First Grade Families:

### Report Cards

Report cards were sent home today! I have attached tests or documentation to view with the report cards. **Students need to return the manilla envelope with a parent signature for a sticker.**

### Sharing

**This week: "free choice".**

**February 7-9: "100" day project. Friday, February 10th, is the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.** Each first grader needs to bring a "one hundred project". The project needs to have 100 of one item. Please help your first grader use his/her imagination! It may take the form of a poster but I have had students make Lego creations out of 100 Lego, wreaths out of 100 crayons, churches out of 100 tongue depressors, and crosses out of 100 match sticks. **This is a fun family project and is required for the week of the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!** **This is the ONLY at home project in first grade!!!** Students will share on their normal sharing day.

**February 14-16: patriotic.**

### Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to all families who attended Mass this weekend and had their student wear "best" uniform. **I hope they checked in Mrs. Nauditt so they earned a "free" dress pass.**

Today was Student Appreciation Day. A pancake breakfast was served and each student should have received a special note from their teacher.

**Tuesday, January 31, is Family Appreciation Day. There will be Taco Bingo from 6:00-7:30 in the gym.**

**Wednesday, February 1, is Volunteer Appreciation Day.**

**Thursday, February 2, is Clergy Appreciation Day. Students will thank Fr. Vic and Fr. Matthew for their service to our school. Bishop Cupich will preside at Mass and visit our students. Please have your student wear "best" uniform.**

### Book It!/Reading is the Ticket

It is very important that all first graders read for Book It! The goal for January is 16 books. Book It! is **due tomorrow, Tuesday, January 31.** We need to work together to earn the pizza party in April. Attached is a Book It! form for February. The February goal is 18 books!

**Books read for Book It! may also count toward the Silverwood "Reading is the Ticket" contest. Please see the attached form. If your student reads 10 hours and returns the form, he/she will receive a free ticket to Silverwood for this summer.**

### Homework

This week the students are working on changing words to plurals with -es. Words ending with s, ss, sh, ch, and x need an -es ending rather than s to make them plurals. The spelling words are:

**fix fixes class classes wish wishes kiss kisses bus buses \*friends \*very**

**The \* words are sight words and may need additional practice. Don't forget to continue to work on the List Words in your WE PRACTICED packets. Several students have mastered all 11 lists. All students should be working on vocabulary for the story, Jan's New Home.**

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### **Book Order**

The February SeeSaw and Lucky book orders are attached. If you are interested in ordering, please return the order form and monies by Friday, February 10th. If you would prefer to order online and it is your first time, the activation code is: GKGG2.

### **Valentine's Party**

We will have a Valentine's party on Tuesday, February 14th. If your child wishes to bring valentines, he/she must have one valentine for each classmate. Your first grader should address and sign his/her name on each card. They should also be able to read each name to pass the cards out. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for your child. Please do not send any valentines before February 14th. **Due to food allergies, I am asking that students do not bring candied valentines or insert candy.** The names of all first graders can be found below:

<b>Owen</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Gabrielle</b>	<b>Daniel</b>
<b>Joselyn</b>	<b>Sophie</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	<b>Delany</b>
<b>Giovanni</b>	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>Lance</b>	<b>Andrew</b>
<b>Ava</b>	<b>Madison</b>	<b>Grayce</b>	<b>Isabelle</b>
<b>Hannah</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>Elijah</b>	<b>Kennedy</b>
<b>Ella</b>	<b>Riley</b>	<b>Tabitha</b>	<b>Colleen</b>
<b>Zachary</b>	<b>Emelia</b>	<b>Ansley</b>	<b>Dylan</b>
<b>Lucas</b>	<b>Brandon</b>	<b>Mrs. Clift</b>	<b>Mrs. Ray</b>

**We will be making Valentine bags at school. You do not need to make one for school at home. Please DO work on 100<sup>th</sup> day projects!!!**

Have a good week,  
Mrs. Clift