Dear Parents,

 Happy Spring!!!

This spring brings much anticipation of warmer days and sunny weather. First grade has been enjoying the gifts of the season already! This week we planted in the organic garden. Last week we enjoyed the beautiful gardens at the Garfield Park Conservatory. So much fun!

In reading we continue to work on reading for fluency and comprehension. In Unit 7 of More Adventures of the Superkids, we are working with ar,or and ear “trickers” and exceptions. We will also start working with ow and ou sounds. We also continue to work with the 5-step writing process.

In Math, we are working with 2 dimensional shapes, symmetry and equal parts (fractions) this week. Next week, we will start working with 3 dimensional figures. Towards the end of the year we will identify and count coins.

In Science, we continue to work on Earth Science. This week we began discussing the change of seasons. Soon we will finish up by observing the patterns of the moon. We were very blessed to have SI Organic Garden broccoli and cabbage plants in our room for a couple of weeks. We have also been observing the Decorah eaglets via live stream. We watched them hatch, grow and change right before our eyes.

During Religion time we have been talking about Mary. We have been learning about how to pray the Rosary and learning about Mary’s life. We will honor Mary at our mass by singing a song about her! We have also been studying about the Seven Sacraments. Next week we will focus our discussions on Baptism.

Last week we also received our larva!!! Out caterpillars are in the room and doing great. We are watching them eat and grow daily. We have been talking about the caterpillar life cycle and caterpillar needs and parts. We look forward to watching the metamorphosis as they change from caterpillar to pupa to butterfly! Once the butterflies emerge, we will observe them for a few days and eventually release them at the Peace Pole by the big church. (I’ll be sure to send pictures!)

We are also getting ready for our next first grade mass. It will be on the last day of school, Friday May 31st. All first graders will have a special part in this mass. Please join us at mass if you can.

In addition, we have so many other fun events coming up…

Step up day,

Field day

Faith Family activity

And…MANY more fun ABC Countdown activities too!!!

I have been trying to post many pictures on our Weebly First Grade class site. Please check them out when you have a chance. 😊

We are a busy bunch! I hope you have a joyful spring.

Have a wonderful weekend!!!

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