

# First Grade October News

Dear Friends,

In Religion we are learning about St. Francis. We are using books, stories, and videos to gather information that the children will use to complete a booklet about St. Francis during the next few weeks.

Now that we have completed the review section of the *SRA Imagine It* Reading program, we are completing the first unit titled, 'Back to School.' Everyday the children learn new sounds and spellings, blend words in wordlines using the new spellings, read Decodables, and listen to concept stories.

They are beginning to write stories and are learning about singular and plural nouns.

In math we are working on addition. They are using clues such as doubles, doubles plus one, and counting on from the highest number. These are some of the techniques the children will be using to help them move on from using concrete objects to solve addition problems.

The Apple Center event was a wonderful success!

Thank you to all of the parents who generously gave their time and energy to make the day fun for everyone. The apple sauce was delicious!

Some dates to remember:

- Oct. 1      Festival begins this evening
- Oct. 2      Blessing of the Animals 8:30 A.M.
- Oct. 4      No school—Festival clean-up
- Oct. 21     Jump Rope for Heart
- Oct. 25     Make-up Picture Day
- Oct. 28     Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude Mass 11:00 A.M.
  
- Oct. 29     Class party  
              Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30

Love,  
First Grade Teachers