First Grade News

JANUARY 9, 2012

83RD DAY
OF SCHOOL

Whoo hoo - it's a brand new year and we have plans galore! Thanks for your patience as we begin the SECOND half of first grade. The students are taking a longer view of what's coming in the next 97 days.
We'll focus on completing assignments more carefully, making choices to use better self-control, being kind and respectful to other, and doing our work with care.

Please continue to support us in daily practice of sight words, math drills, sharing books, and hugging us. We're doing our best to learn new things each day, going out of our way to share our kindness, and growing up.

The second quarter ends on Friday, January 13. Please be sure to return the Reading Log ON Friday. No credit can be recorded if the total of minutes is reported after that. The new reading log begins on January 16.

We're kicking off our "pre-second grade" experience with Stanley Lambchop, fondly known as "Flat Stanley". We've read the book together and now the fun begins. Send the cover letter and information sheet to a family member or friend who lives in an exotic place. Have them host Stanley for a couple of days and report back to us about the fun they had together. We hope to welcome Stanley home by March. Thanks for your help with this project. Check it out: www.flatstanley.com
Forms and letters are posted. Have fun, Stanley!

First birthday of the year January 3: Mia!

Send Stanley on a trip of a lifetime - be sure he returns to us by March.

Making Music! San Francisco Symphony on January 18
(Limited number of adult tickets available)

We need drivers and music lovers
(be sure to return permission form immediately)

Bizet Prelude to Carmen
Happy Birthday sing-along
Beethoven Finale from Symphony No. 5 (excerpt)
Mendelssohn Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream
Mussorgsky The Oxcart from Pictures at an Exhibition
Offenbach Can-can from Orpheus in the Underworld
Kodaly Viennese Musical Clock from Háry János
Britten Harp Variation from Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra
Poulenc Concerto for Organ, Timpani, and Strings

Help Wanted: (with heartfelt thanks)

Need volunteers to help execute special events during Catholic Schools Week. Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2

* Helpers to rent sno-cone machine from party supplier, purchase syrups and supplies for sno-cones; many to donate bags of ice and ice chests to contain snowballs for "Snow Day 2012" on February 1

* All hands on deck for the 100th Day of School - breakfast in the Gibson Center for all first graders and their familes; meal service begins at 7:30 a.m. Looking for coordinator to oversee the production of food for approximately 120 hungry people, February 2