



NOVEMBER 14, 2011  
56TH DAY  
OF SCHOOL

First Grade News



One more four-day week! The diocese is holding an Elementary Staff Day on Friday so we'll be engaged in learning and collaborating with professional colleagues at several locations around the counties. Hope you enjoy your day!

On Tuesday beginning at 9:00 a.m., the class auction item begins with a special photo shoot by Amy and Tracy. Please be sure your child arrives eager to take part in this special project. Oh, you're going to love this one! Smile, angels!

Thursday is a spirit day: Pajamas Day! It will be a cozy fun day, but please remember to send sturdy shoes for PE. We also plan to have the Stone Soup Feast in the Gibson Center beginning at 11:45 a.m. Please refer to the attached sign up list for any additional donations we need (just a few). And now: who is ready to help serve soup of Thursday? Bring your favorite ladle and wear an apron!

Sunday evening, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. - a little classical music for your family? Please ask for tickets to the Holy Names University Orchestra concert featuring Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue. You can go home at the intermission which should be before 8:00 p.m. Come have a backstage tour if you like! Please let me know how tickets to secure for you (complimentary, of course)

### Things We're Doing:

**Math:** Learned those doubles last week? Now take a look at how doubles help you know "doubles + 1" How wheels on two bikes? How many legs on 3 horses?!

**Word Work:** it, in, pin, pit, tip, rip, trip, print!

**Sight Words** to know this week: **out, them, then, she many, some so, these, would, other.** Posting words for your child to find and read and practice?

**Read, read, read:** The relatives are coming, the relatives are coming! Get them to read TO your child 20 minutes daily!

**Handwriting:** Practice forming letters correctly using a proper pencil hold; watch as your child forms these : *r. n. m. h. k* (top to bottom, back up)

**Faith First:** Check out the review opportunity at [www.faithfirst.com](http://www.faithfirst.com)

**Practice** doesn't make it perfect - it makes it easier... get familiar with the long vowel stories at

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) Jake's Take, Pete's Sheep, Sky Ride, Robot and Mr. Mole, Dune Buggy!

**Math Drills:** we're beginning flash recognition of basic facts - your child should quickly know +1 (8+1) (2+1) (119+1) etc.

**Special Interests:** We have a class of creative and energetic students! Help us find a topic of keen interest for your child. We've already had one fabulous handwritten and illustrated book shared by an imaginative young man who loves fantasy!

**You're Invited:** On Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. the Holy Names University Orchestra presents a program including the Gershwin *Rhapsody in Blue*. The soloist is a student of Becky Trujillo, piano teacher to many of you! Please let me reserve tickets for you to enjoy the first half of the concert. Go home at intermission!

### Happy Birthday

Robert Louis Stevenson - November 13  
Claude Monet - November 14  
Katie Murphy! November 19

