

# First Grade October Newsletter

Wow! October came and went so fast. I guess time flies when you are having fun and learning lots! That is exactly what we experienced in First Grade throughout the month of October!

In our Math Curriculum we explored Subtraction Facts to 10 and Ordinal Numbers and Position. We also used 100 chart to practice counting and finding number patterns.

In Literacy, we increased our independent reading stamina to 25 minutes, and learned how to create a summary of a story. We are using both Non-Fiction and Fiction Reading Response forms to help us increase our reading comprehension and learn how to "note details" in texts. Our Author of the Month was Eric Carle and we enjoyed reading his famous books with our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Buddies!

We were so lucky to have the BEST weather during our Field Trip to Bob's Farm. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers that helped make this Field Trip possible! We drove to Snohomish, WA to visit a real working farm. We took a hayride on a tractor, explored the farm, explored a child-sized corn maze and got our boots dirty while picking out pumpkins from the field. The children learned a lot from the educational program, "What Veggies Eat." We learned about soil and what a pumpkin needs to grow. Our day ended with a

super fun outdoor play area where the children got to run and play and enjoy the fresh country air.

Another highlight of the month of October was when Father Vincent came to visit our classroom. He taught us a lesson about how to pray the Rosary and led the children in a prayer. He also showed the children a special Chalice his brother had made for him. The children really enjoyed being able to touch the Chalice and learn about how important it is to Father. Having Father Vincent come visit our classroom is a wonderful experience and I think it helps the children to grow their Faith and to feel more attached to our Parish community.

The month of October ended with Holy Rosary School's annual Halloween Parade. What fun that was! The First Grade Class joined in the parade around the school and the Parish Center. We enjoyed seeing all of the costumes and feeling a great sense of school spirit and pride. The rest of Halloween Day was celebrated with a class party and some special games and Halloween Stories and an art project. With October over, we give thanks for all of the learning we accomplished and look forward the month of November .