



# News from the Stars in First Grade

May 18, 2012

## Special Dates

# Ascension Day

No doubt you have heard of the Ga-Ga Pit that was installed on the playground. All grade levels are enjoying this new game. It resembles the old dodge ball, but everyone is in the middle of the pit. There are simple rules and players are expected to be honest about getting out of the pit if the ball touches them. Those students who play are in constant motion so they are getting a work out.

The First graders and the Kindergartners joined to celebrate Ascension Day by blowing bubbles up to Heaven. Someday we will see Jesus coming down to take us with Him! While we wait, we tell others the Good News of His salvation!

### Mission Emphasis

Diapers for Alternatives  
Pregnancy Center

### Friday, May 18

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast

Following 9:00 a.m. Chapel

### Monday, May 28

Memorial Day No School

### Tuesday, May 29

Field Trip Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

### Wednesday, May 30

8th Grade Graduation

### Friday, June 1

Last Chapel for the year.

### Friday, June 8

Field Day

Half Day 11:30 dismissal

LAST DAY!



## One in Christ

### Learning about God

The booklet "Tell About Jesus" was begun this week. After Jesus rose, He showed Himself to many people. We celebrated Ascension Day yesterday, Thursday, and thought about Jesus leaving His friends to return to Heaven. How they must have missed Him! But then He sent the Holy Spirit and things really took off! We'll be hearing the lessons and learning how to share the love of our Savior Jesus, just as His disciples did.



## Reading Goals

Next week's selection tells the story of the invention of the telephone. Phonics lessons include the sound of *aw* as in *saw* and *ea* as in *thread*.

The spelling list is attached.

This is our next to last selection. After next week the unit test and an end of year reading test will be given.

The children have made so much progress in reading we almost forget the skills they have mastered. To keep these skills sharp, it is important to practice, practice, practice. Please consider the summer program at your local library. Also, setting aside a special time each day for "schoolwork" keeps skills sharp in math as well as reading.

The last book order gives the chance to order books to use in the summer. Perhaps saving some for the car ride on vacation or for a rainy day would fit in your plans.

Thank you for the support this year for your new readers!

## Math

Chapter 12 is our last chapter this year. The class is learning to regroup in addition and subtraction. This can be difficult for children, so we will keep working on it. Practice does help!

## Science

The picture the class made in the style of Eric Carle was auctioned and the winning bid was \$110! The money will be added to the other funds raised at the Tuition Assistance Dinner. Any family who wishes to send their children to SMLS can request financial assistance from this fund. Application can be made in the school office. Please tell your friends and neighbors that a quality, Christ centered education is available and affordable. Registration is open to all children.