



*First Grade News*  
*November 2011*

- November 4: No School
- November 8: Picture Retakes
- November 11: Harvest Party 1:50-2:50
- November 18: Talent Show
- November 22: Progress Reports online
- November 23-27: Thanksgiving vacation
- November 27: Advent begins
- November 28: School resumes

What we are learning:

Math: Addition and subtraction to 10

Reading: Harcourt Series/Short "Ee", initial blends with "s", digraph "th", phonograms "est" and "ent", short "u", initial blends with "r", diphthong "ng", phonograms "ang", "ing", contractions, R-controlled vowels, compound words.

Merrill Series: Applying a known pattern to a new word, introducing patterns it, in, ix, id”, changing questions to statements, sequencing, writing dictated words, quotation marks, using phrases and adjectives.

Phonics: Short vowel sounds.

English: Naming words (nouns) for people, animals, things places, one and more than one, special nouns, proper use of “I”, pronouns. Introduction to the writing process.

Spelling: Unit 8 (short “e” words). Unit 9 (short “l” words). Unit 10 (short “o” words).

Religion: The Lord’s Prayer, Welcoming others into the church, Baptism and being thankful for our gifts.

Social Studies: Different kinds of communities (city, town, and farm), how communities change, north, south, east, and west, special customs, the Chinese New Year. The origin of Thanksgiving.

Science: All about animals: animal groups/ mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, and insects. How animals grow and change and food chains.

Art: Study of Seurat, Art activities inspired by literature and Thanksgiving/November craft projects.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

