

First Grade Newsletter

April 30, 2021

This week, in First Grade, we had a very exciting addition to our classroom! Combining Science and our Journeys Reading story, "How A Butterfly Grows", we welcomed five caterpillars to our classroom. We plan to watch them change and grow into butterflies and set them free in our school garden when the time is right. In Math, we were introduced to measurement using feet, the term one dozen and one-half dozen, and adding nine by adding ten and subtracting one. In Bible, we learned how the Holy Spirit helps us to believe in Jesus through the story "Pentecost" in our curriculum.

Thank you EVERYONE for returning your child's signed permission slip so quickly! Only two drivers/chaperones were needed. If you have not been contacted by me for the additional required paperwork, then know you will be driving only your child. Everyone is to bring a bag lunch and drink. Students are to wear their Bethany spirit shirts. If you are driving other children, we will meet at school at 7:45 AM and be on the road by 8:15 AM. If you are not driving other children, we will all meet on the grassy area near the large Fairytale Town sign across the street from the Zoo. Attendance will be taken at this time. We will enter the Zoo around 9:00 AM and leave the Zoo by 2:00 pm to be back to school by 2:35/2:45 pm (if you are only driving your child, you may leave at any time). Please contact me with any questions.

I hope your child is enjoying their Animal Project and learning new things and practicing skills already learned. Your child should be "coming down the home stretch", as all projects are due this Thursday, May 6th! Please do not send them to school early (or late). A new Spelling List and Reading Log will go home today. Our usual Homework Packet will begin again next Thursday and will be due the following Friday. Thank you for your support!

We would like to create an ideal butterfly garden in our school garden (just outside our classroom windows). We will learn that a butterfly needs colorful flowers to eat from, smooth rocks to rest upon. If you would like to donate any of these items (think small) we would appreciate it. We will put everything to good use!

With the warmer weather and the end of the school year in sight, we tend to get sloppy about proper uniform wear for school. Please refer to the Bethany handbook for correct uniform choices.

Mrs. Thomas