

Dear Parents,

April 21, 2017

April was a busy month in the first grade, and May will be full as well, with only about four weeks of school left.

As you've already heard, we made our all-school marathon goal! Therefore, this month will be **packed** with fun rewards for all the students! Congratulations to our winners for collecting the highest number of pledges! We are so proud of you ALL!

The first graders' math and reading skills continue to thrive. A short reading session each day this summer will greatly impact your first grader's confidence for second grade.

Writing during May will further the development of sentences through the correct use of naming words, action words, and describing words. We are recognizing important people, places and things by their capital letters. We now know six different types of syllables in VOWAC: (open, closed, V-E, vowel team, r-controlled and consonant-le.) The students learn rules for use of these syllables so that they can apply them to words as they are reading. The final May spelling test will include the sight words on the Fry list that we've studied this year!

In first grade we incorporate science into our literacy centers. This spring, students have been looking at life cycles, habitats, and movements of animals. They will wear butterfly wings to release painted lady butterflies into the outdoors after they emerge from their chrysalides!

Library books from the Sacred Heart library should come back to school by Monday, May 15. We will have our regular library time but will not be checking out books after that date, as our librarian needs to inventory. Please make an extra effort to locate any missing books. Thanks.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of our long awaited spring! We certainly will, as we wrap up these last few weeks with your

children. Your first graders have grown in so many ways this year, and I will really miss each one of them!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR!!!

Mrs. Katie Lee Staloch



