



# Grade One News

May 4, 2017

## What We Are Learning

### Language Arts

We practiced reading and spelling words with r-controlled vowels air, are, and ear. We discussed the author's purpose for writing a story. In grammar we discussed adverbs that tell how and reviewed abbreviations for name titles. Our main story this week was Happy Birthday U.S.A.

### Math

We started work on Topic 15 - Equal Shares of Circles and Rectangles. We determined whether shapes are divided into equal shares. We divided shapes into 2 and 4 equal shares and used words to describe those shares. We discussed halves, fourths, and quarters.

### Religion

We learned that May is a month to honor Mary. We will have a May Crowning before our school Mass on Friday. In our religion books, we learned why God gave us the Ten Commandments. The First Commandment tells us to worship only God. We should love God more than anything else. The Second Commandment tells us to honor God, and speak God's name with love and respect. The Third Commandment tells us to keep Sunday as a holy day.

### Science

We learned that wind, water, and ice can change rocks. Weathering breaks down rocks. We learned about different types of soil. We read how land is changed by erosion from interactions among air, water, and land. We continued our study of dinosaurs.

### Vocabulary Words

favorite  
few  
gone  
surprise  
wonder  
young  
nation  
unite



### Special Points Of Interest:

- ◆ **May 5**  
**May Crowning**
- ◆ **May 12**  
**Make-Up Day**  
**No School**
- ◆ **May 14**  
**Mother's Day**