

April News

**Mrs. Adamo
Grade 1 and 2**

Religion and Family Life

In our Family Life program we will be examining how our choices, decisions and promises reflect and create whom we are. We examine how we depend on our families and community and what it means to be dependable. The students will explore how we make choices and the meaning of consequences.

Reading: The students have continued to work with the Go Chart for developing comprehension and using Story Maps to complete their work. In their small reading groups they will be examining the features of text and making predictions using the cover, title page, and book illustrations.

Word Study: The students have been working on word families and plural words. They have been reviewing sounds and the rules for sounding out new words. The students are learning the rules for forming plurals (e.g., add s, if it ends in x, ch or sh then add es, consonant and y, then change the y to i and add es). They are also identifying the root or base of a word.

Writing: The students in grade ½ will begin poetry. They will read a variety of poems and will create their own work based on the theme of spring.

Math: Our next unit of study in mathematics is "Measuring Time and Money". Students will be learning to tell time to the hour and ½ hour on both a digital and analog clock. They will identify pennies, nickels and dimes by name and value, count coin combinations using dimes and pennies and read and record 2-digit numbers. Mathematical words to know are: day, digital clock, month, quarter, week and year. Parents can access the Nelson Mathematics website to use the on line activities for extra practice.

Scientist in the Classroom: On Wednesday March 30, the grade 2 students had a visiting scientist for their unit on Simple Machines. The students investigated the six simple machines through hands on activities. We all learned that there are many simple and complex machines that we use in our everyday live.

Planner: Please sign the student planner each day. If you have any questions or concerns please write a note inside with a phone number and the best time of the day that you can be reached.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Adamo