

# **FALL NEWSLETTER**



## Mrs. Novinsky - Grade 1

#### From the Teacher's Desk

Your children are a source of wonder and amazement to me. In a little over two months, they have blossomed into confident first graders with good work habits, endless curiosity, and a love of learning! They are a joy to teach!

#### **CHROMEBOOKS**

The children will have many exciting opportunities in their Chromebooks in the second quarter. Activities will be posted through McGraw Hill in Reading & Literature, Science, and Social Studies for them to do at home. In addition, they will expand their knowledge in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies through IXL. These are meant for additional practice only. Please have your child charge the Chromebook when it comes home.



### Notes & Reminders



- Please have children wear jackets or coats now.
  Bring hats and gloves as needed.
- Please initial planners each night.
  Check in with your child to see if crayons or pencils are needed.



Religion: We are finishing our study of Jesus' life and teachings. Next, we will learn about the Church Year and Ordinary Time. This will involve a focus on Advent and Christmas.

Reading: We are off to a good start in "Wonders", our reading series. In Unit 1 the children experienced realistic fiction, fantasy, and nonfiction through the theme "Getting to Know Us". Unit 2 promises to be just as exciting. Skills covered include character, setting, and plot. Sequence of events as well as main idea and details are also explored.

<u>Spelling</u>: The year began with short vowels and blends. We will be moving into long vowels. Many sight words are being taught as well.

<u>Language</u>: We have learned about sentences, word order, and types of sentences. Currently the children are studying nouns.

<u>Math</u>: Our first two chapters covered addition facts and strategies within 10. We will now be moving to subtraction facts and strategies within 10 as well as place value.

Social Studies: We are excited to begin a new curriculum called "Our Place in the World". Our first chapter was about being a good citizen. Next, the children will learn about community and America.

<u>Science:</u> We also have a new science program called "Inspire Science". It is filled with many opportunities for discovery and experimenting. Our first unit will cover Sky Patterns.